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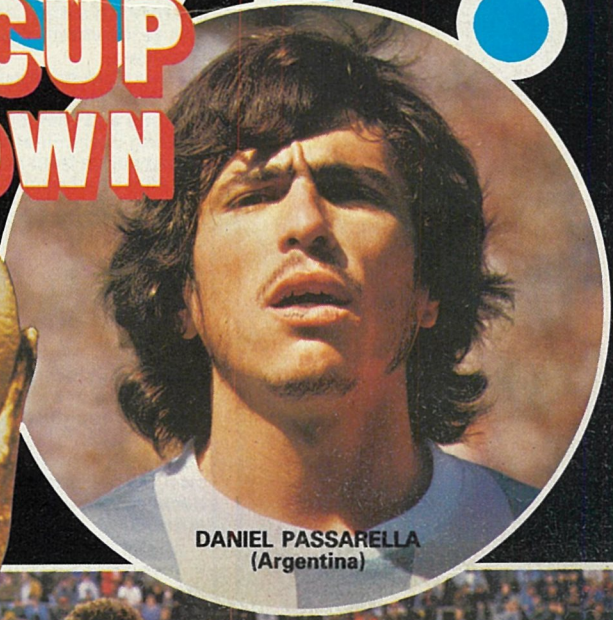
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WORLD CUP COUNTDOWN

CAPTAINS
SPEAK TO
SHOOT!



KEVIN KEEGAN
(England)



DANIEL PASSARELLA
(Argentina)



DINO ZOFF
(Italy)



MARTIN O'NEILL (N. Ireland)
& DANNY McGRAIN (Scotland)



DOUMBE LEA
(Cameroon)



SOCRATES
(Brazil)



KARL-HEINZ
RUMMENIGGE
(W. Germany)

Regis for England

CYRILLE Regis spent a fortnight in Spain last summer at the Madrid home of his good friend and former West Bromwich Albion team-mate Laurie Cunningham.

Next summer Regis could be back in Spain — but not on holiday.

Regis's thrilling goalscoring performances for Albion this season have driven him to the fringe of the England team and make him an outsider for a place in the national side at the World Cup Finals.

If Ron Greenwood is tempted to pick the man in form, then Cyrille Regis could be wearing England's number nine shirt against Northern Ireland, at Wembley, on February 23.

Regis could be Greenwood's ace, especially if he plays alongside Kevin Keegan. Between them they had shared 30 First Division goals by mid-December.

SHOOT view!

Regis's form this season is all the more praiseworthy because he has thrived throughout the difficult re-organisation at West Bromwich Albion since Ron Atkinson's departure.

A hat-trick against Swansea in early September launched his goal-rush, and another followed against Birmingham. Since Regis's hat-trick at St. Andrews, he has rarely gone a match without scoring.

He reckons he is playing the best football of his career, and nothing short of 30 goals by the end of the season will satisfy the 23-year-old French Guyana born striker.

He modestly admits to "possibilities" of winning an England place. The day he decided that he would throw his hand into the England ring rather than play for France could emerge as the most inspired moment of his career.

If Cyrille Regis questions the lack of time available to impress Mr Greenwood, he should be reminded that 1966 World Cup hero Geoff Hurst did not win his first cap for England until February of that year, just five months before the Finals.

WEST HAM v EVERTON

THE first thing every club hopes for is a home draw. London certainly had the luck of the draw in this respect and while Everton fall into the "hard to beat" category, The Hammers will be favourites to go through.

Man for man West Ham have the edge on the Merseysiders.

Everton's away form in the League has been poor and while that doesn't mean a lot in a one-off situation, Everton will be quite happy with a draw and another bite at the cherry next week at Goodison.

West Ham have appeared in Wembley Finals for the last two seasons and they beat Everton in a thrilling Semi-Final saga two years ago to clinch their place in the 1980 F.A. Cup Final against Arsenal.

NOTTINGHAM FOREST v WREXHAM

WHATEVER you may think of Forest assistant manager Peter Taylor, he's an honest man. Honest enough to say: "To put it mildly, this is a less than vintage season in the First Division. The standard is low because there isn't the talent around."

Taylor will also tell you to put a few bob on Forest beating Wrexham at the City Ground.

Perhaps Forest will miss out on the League title, although the presence of Willie Young will strengthen their defence.

The motivating powers of Brian Clough and Peter Taylor could help Forest to a very good Cup run, though, starting with Wrexham on Saturday.

BIRMINGHAM v IPSWICH

IPSWICH finally had to concede the Championship to Villa last season when, because of their success in the F.A. and U.E.F.A. Cups, things got on top of them. Too many injuries in too many games... with too little time for recovery.

Even so, Ipswich will be delighted to have similar problems this April, although they could have had a far easier start to the F.A. Cup than playing at St. Andrews.

After a bright start to the League, Blues have fallen away, although their home form has remained fairly good.

Town aren't playing as well as they were a year ago. Internal problems have affected them.

They're still in contention for the League and League Cup and they maybe in the Fourth Round of the F.A. Cup — after a replay.

THE F.A. Cup Third Round... the time when the little people can rub shoulders with the big boys... the time when the League Champions can be side-by-side with a team of part-timers few people have heard of. The draw wasn't very kind to the smaller clubs. Dreams of a tie against Liverpool or Manchester United didn't come true and only Brighton of the First Division have a David and Goliath tie against non-League opposition. Here we turn the spotlight on the ties that most of the country is talking about.

The lucky 13



F.A. CUP THIRD ROUND

MANCHESTER CITY v CARDIFF CITY

LAST season's beaten Finalists will be up against one of the men who helped them to Wembley last year — striker Dave Bennett (left), who has been in good form for The Bluebirds since his transfer.

The man he kept out of the Wembley team last May, Dennis Tueart, has bounced back with a vengeance. The veteran striker has been in goal-a-game form and with Trevor Francis back after injury City have climbed the First Division table.

City's side still isn't settled. Injuries have ruined John Bond's plans. He'll be happier when Gerry Gow is fit again to give the mid-field more bite.

The Blues of Maine Road were bitterly disappointed when they didn't beat Spurs in the first game last year. Come about a quarter to five on Saturday they should be one step nearer the chance to make amends.



WATFORD v MANCHESTER UTD.

IT would be an insult to Watford to call them giantkillers. They have so many First Division scalps to their credit from Cup exploits that it wouldn't be a major shock if they beat the millionaires from Manchester.

Manchester United are one of the teams Watford have beaten in

recent seasons, in the League Cup three years ago (above) where Luther Blissett was the hero.

United must win a trophy this season to justify the money they've spent. If they go on to win the F.A. Cup chances are they won't have any harder tie than Saturday's.

COVENTRY v SHEFFIELD WED.

IT would be interesting to see what would happen if Coventry reached the Final. Would they change their strip, banned by the television cameras? Or would TV allow The Sky Blues to use their Talbot insignia?

Chances are it won't be put to the test, although Dave Sexton's boys could be in the draw for the Fourth Round.

Wednesday are well-organised and if Terry Curran has settled his differences and plays as he can, Coventry would be in for a surprise.

But it's a home win for us — and one step closer to a Wembley headache for Jimmy Hill in his role as BBC supremo rather than Coventry chairman!

SWANSEA v LIVERPOOL

SWANS manager John Toshack couldn't help but see the funny side to this tie of the round. "When we were in the Fourth, Third and Second Divisions the one draw we really wanted was Liverpool. Ideally at the Vetch Field.

"Now we find ourselves playing them three times this season. We're delighted with the situation."

Liverpool's form must be worrying manager Bob Paisley, although he says: "I would never say Liverpool were in a transitional period. The fans here have come to expect success all the time and

NOTTS COUNTY v ASTON VILLA

ON the opening day of the season newly-promoted County went to the home of Champions Villa and shocked the First Division with a 1-0 win.

Since then County have found life at the top difficult, while Villa — despite Cup success — have only been a few places above The Magpies.

But it'll be a no-holds-barred battle . . . the sort of stuff the Cup is all about.

It's one of those ties that is extremely hard to predict. One moment of magic — or one individual error — could be the decider.

If it goes to a replay the odds will be in Villa's favour, but at Meadow Lane, with the biggest crowd of the season (on Friday evening Forest are at home to Wrexham) County may scrape through by the odd goal.

that's what we must try to give them."

It's becoming harder. No longer are they almost invincible at home, while the 'typical Liverpool' performances away from home are few and far between.

Even so, it would be a foolish man to say they won't win another trophy this season. Even a slightly off-colour Liverpool are still too good for most and a draw at the Vetch is not beyond them.

WOLVES v LEEDS

NOT the sort of tie to thrill neutrals. Chances are there will be few goals a lot of hustle and bustle and most of the action in midfield.

Wolves (below, dark shorts) have done well in the Cups in the past couple of seasons, despite the poor League form.



They want to do well for their manager, John Barnwell, whose future is uncertain. The players want him to stay and a run in the Cup would almost certainly boost their League prospects.

A home win for Wolves against the team with just about the worst away record in the Division.

BARNET v BRIGHTON

HOME or away, this would be a tricky one for Brighton. Maybe it's better than Liverpool or Manchester United away . . . but in its own way playing non-League opposition is just as unrewarding.

The Alliance Premier League club will relish the prospect of playing First Division Brighton.

If they lose 5-0 no one will be too surprised. If they avoid defeat it'll be headline news on Sunday morning.

Of course there's no way The Seagulls should lose. First Division clubs shouldn't lose to non-League upstarts. But they do. And it's why the F.A. Cup is the world's most talked about domestic Cup competition.

Brighton are a solid outfit these days, though, despite a League Cup shock from Barnsley. Players like Tony Grealish, Mickey Thomas and Steve Foster have skill and heart. Too much for Barnet.

THIRD-ROUND DRAW

Carlisle or Bishop Auckland	v	Huddersfield
Leicester	v	Southampton
Barnsley	v	Kettering or Blackpool
Enfield	v	C. Palace
Peterboro or		
Walsall	v	Bristol C
Barnet	v	Brighton
West Brom	v	Blackburn
West Ham	v	Everton
Stoke	v	Norwich
Coventry	v	Sheffield Wed.
Chelsea	v	Hull or Hartlepool
Doncaster	v	Cambridge
Swansea	v	Liverpool
Watford	v	Man. Utd.
Luton	v	Swindon
Rotherham	v	Sunderland
Newcastle	v	Brentford or Colchester
Shrewsbury	v	Port Vale or Stockport
Notts Co.	v	Aston Villa
Wolves	v	Leeds
Orient	v	Charlton
Bolton	v	Derby
Bury or		
Burnley	v	York or Aldershot
Spurs	v	Altrincham
Dagenham or		
Millwall	v	Grimsby
QPR	v	Middlesbrough
Gillingham or		
Barking	v	Oldham
Birmingham	v	Ipswich
Man. City	v	Cardiff
Bournemouth	v	Aldershot or Oxford
Crewe or		
Scunthorpe	v	Hereford or Fulham
Nottm Forest	v	Wrexham
Matches to be played Jan. 2.		

STOKE v NORWICH

LOOKING for a Cup outsider? You could do worse than Stoke.

They're handily placed in the First Division and Richie Barker now has them playing in a more sensible style.

"We were criticised for being negative last season," says top scorer Lee Chapman.

"When the boss took over he told us to go out and play a lot of attacking football. A few results went against us and now we've found a happy medium."

Norwich have had problems adjusting to Division Two. They have men of First Division experience, vital at this level, but Stoke look to have too many aces.

LEICESTER v SOUTHAMPTON

LEICESTER still believe they were too good to be relegated last season. Victory over high-riding Southampton wouldn't give City their First Division status back . . . but it would prove that they can, as manager Jock Wallace says, beat anyone on their day.

Much could depend on how central defenders Larry May and Northern Ireland star John O'Neill cope with Steve Moran and Kevin Keegan.

In midfield Eddie Kelly will be battling against his one-time Arsenal team-mate Alan Ball.

Saints have tightened up their defence and have the men in form up front to take them into Round Four.

SPURS v ARSENAL

SINCE Spurs lost to Liverpool in the Quarter-Finals of the F.A. Cup in 1979/80 they have played 17 F.A. Cup and League Cup-ties in London. Only one has been lost — to West Ham in last season's League Cup. To that you can add a couple of Cup-Winners' Cup-ties, too.

Their opponents, Arsenal, can claim to be the Cup Kings of the last five years, though, with three F.A. Cup Final appearances, one appearance in the Cup-Winners' Cup Final and good runs in the UEFA and League Cups.

Spurs manager Keith Burkinshaw says: "It's a terrific tie. And the League game on Monday gives the Cup-tie even more spice."

"Arsenal are as good as anyone in England when it comes to Cup football. And we're the holders. It all points to a great game. The atmosphere will be tremendous."

Start of a series in which we talk to the men who will lead their countries in the World Cup Finals in Spain.

SHOOT: How did you come to have such a name?

SOCRATES: My father's fault really. He was a great reader of Greek literature, and decided that Socrates was his favourite name, and just to show that there could be no confusion he gave me the second name of Brasileiro (Brazilian).

SHOOT: It certainly makes people take notice of you! Has it caused you any funny or embarrassing moments?

SOCRATES: No — not really. As you know the majority of Brazilian football players have nicknames

British fan and he still tends to think of Pele, flowing football and great goals.

SOCRATES: Football has changed a lot since then. Those were the days of the brilliant individual players. Nowadays it is much more of a team game in Brazil with pre-established tactics to be carried out which involve other responsibilities than only playing.

SHOOT: As a present day player, do you mind fans bringing up the heroes of yesteryear?

SOCRATES: In no way — I am their greatest fan and I love watching films of those great players. Yes, there are still brilliant players

HOW THEY QUALIFIED

Venezuela 0, Brazil 1
Bolivia 3, Venezuela 0
Bolivia 1, Brazil 2
Venezuela 1, Bolivia 0
Brazil 3, Bolivia 1
Brazil 5, Venezuela 0

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Brazil	4	4	0	0	11	2	8
Bolivia	4	1	0	3	5	6	2
Venezuela	4	1	0	3	1	9	2

around, but because of the reasons I stated before, they do not get as many opportunities to shine as the old stars did. Now we are obliged to fit our style of play into the team pattern. Did you ever see Garrincha or Jairzinho falling back to tackle opponents, or Gerson and Pele preoccupied with marking space?

SHOOT: Who is the Brazilian player you have most respect for?

SOCRATES: Zico; if you could see him day in and day out you would realise what a great player he is. Also he is very intelligent, and will make a very good manager when his playing days are over.

SHOOT: If Brazil win the World Cup — fine. If you don't — it's a disaster.

Do all Brazilian fans expect you to win the '82 World Cup?

SOCRATES: Naturally. In no way is a runners-up position satisfactory.

'Individuals have less

or made-up names, so mine has not been all that strange. It is much better than some, such as Iron Foot, Tiger Hand or Mountain Joe to mention just a few.

SHOOT: What does being captain of Brazil mean to you?

SOCRATES: It is a great honour to me because I know that the manager and my colleagues have confidence in me. This enables me to make tactical decisions on the field of play, and to assist my team-mates in any of the off-the-field problems they might have.

SHOOT: Tell us a little about yourself.

SOCRATES: I was born in Belem in the state of Para, but came to the city of Ribeirao Preto in the state of Sao Paulo at the age of four years. I never intended to become a professional footballer, as my heart was always set on medicine. Naturally, I loved football as much as possible — BUT, I never let football interfere with my studies, as school was important. If I did not attain the required standard, I would never have managed to pass the medical university entrance exam. I refused to become a full-time professional player until I had graduated from university. Even now I spend all my time reading medical text books and trying to keep up with the most modern medical techniques. In my spare time I also practise medicine in a free public clinic.

SHOOT: What honours have you won at club level?

SOCRATES: I have not won many honours. I have only won a Sao Paulo League Championship medal with Corinthians. I insisted on remaining with Botafogo until I graduated to overcome the problems of having to switch universities, and only subsequent to my graduation did I agree to a transfer to a big club. So the opportunities for honours have not been many. However, I consider the honour of being captain of Brazil, and to be a member of our World Cup squad, to compensate fully for missing out on other honours.

SHOOT: Mention 'Brazil' to a



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No.1
SOCRATES
Brazil

Ardiles of Argentina and Renato of Brazil . . . sparks fly when the two countries meet.



I think this is the case with the fans of all major footballing powers.

SHOOT: What is your opinion of the '74 and '78 World Cup sides?

SOCRATES: I felt that both those teams played below their potential — there were reasons for this however, but they could, and should have played better. The players of quality were there and they had the ability, but because of very defensive tactics imposed by the managers, the players were shackled and were not able to play their normal attacking game with the necessary support of their colleagues in defence.

SHOOT: Can the run of Europeans winning in Europe be broken next year? How significant was the Copa de Oro?

SOCRATES: I certainly hope so. The Copa de Oro was very

THE MANAGER Tele Santana

BRAZIL's manager was born on 26th July, 1931, in Minas Gerais and at an early age was playing football for his local team. The Santana family moved to Rio de Janeiro, and at 18 Tele was invited to join the Fluminense Club's junior team.

From there he progressed rapidly to the first team in 1950 where, under manager Zezé Moreira, Tele was switched from midfield to the number seven shirt, starting the trend in Brazil of the "withdrawn winger".

Tele stayed with Fluminense up to 1962, when he decided to quit playing at 31 and to concentrate on the administrative side of the game.

Contribute

However, other managers and friends considered he still had a lot to contribute to the playing side and so he was persuaded to continue playing for a further few years.

During his playing career Tele won League Championship medals with Fluminense in 1951 and 1959, and finally hung up his boots in 1967.

In the same year he returned to his old love Fluminense as manager of their junior teams.

In 1969, he was appointed manager of Fluminense's first team; in 1970, Clube Atlético Mineiro signed him as their

manager and he spent five years with them; in 1976, Botafogo de Futebol e Regatas signed him, but the relationship was not a happy one.

Later the same year Tele joined Grêmio Portoalegrense and remained with them until 1978.

In 1979, Sociedade Esportiva Palmeiras signed him and he only left them for the Brazil manager's position in 1980.

As a manager he won League titles with Atlético Mineiro in 1970 and 1971 and the Brazil Cup in 1971. With Grêmio he won the League in 1977.

Tele is a typical "Mineiro" (a person born in Minas Gerais), very quiet and not given to seeking the limelight, but with a very strong character.

He will tolerate no interference with the team and insists on complete independence, not only in selecting players, but also in selecting his colleagues (doctors, trainers, physical training coaches, masseurs, etc.)

Above all, he does not allow the Press to influence him into selecting anyone, nor will he tolerate Press inaccuracies — he has been seen telling off a reporter who published a piece which was totally incorrect.

On the other hand, Tele is a man who, once he knows and trusts you, will do anything for you and respects your information and opinions.



important to us professionals, it enabled us to test ourselves against top class world opposition for the first time since 1978, and more important still under World Cup conditions. It gave the younger players tremendous and invaluable experience plus the confidence of knowing that we had played the best teams in the world and had not come off badly. **SHOOT:** Spain will be hot and sticky.

Will this suit Brazil?

SOCRATES: No. Not as much as the Europeans think it will. In Brazil we do not play football in the heat of the day, in summer our matches kick off at 5 p.m., after the sun has gone down. Nobody likes to play football in humid, sticky conditions because it takes so much out of you.

SHOOT: The overall standard of world football seems to have gone



ABOVE . . . Zico celebrates a goal against England.

BELOW . . . Pele in action during the 1970 World Cup Finals.



others interpret the laws in their own way. It is very unsettling for us players as we never know what to expect from a new referee.

SHOOT: There were some pretty horrific things going on in the '78 World Cup . . . not least between Brazil and Argentina. This carried on in Uruguay during the Copa de Oro.

SOCRATES: It is all very stupid. There is an intense feeling between some of the players who are short fused on both sides who explode very quickly and unfortunately it generally affects everyone and everyone becomes

involved. An awful lot of what leads up to these stupid occurrences are provocations off the ball. These coupled with the fact that Argentina have not beaten Brazil for many years sticks in their throats. You are very fortunate as your players are better controlled and seem to be able to keep their tempers under provocation. It is all so silly and I wish we could put a stop to it once and for all and concentrate only on playing football.

SHOOT: What will it take to win the 1982 World Cup?

SOCRATES: Hard work, mainly, and dedication. You must forget everything else and get yourself physically and mentally attuned to the job in hand, but I also think that a little luck is essential.

chance to shine now'

down.

SOCRATES: Yes, I agree. I feel that football in 1982 is an industry rather than the great spectacle it used to be. In addition to that, teams are so much better prepared tactically and physically nowadays and I believe this has taken an awful lot of beauty out of the game. I, for one, am very sorry that the development of modern football has been along these lines.

SHOOT: In your career as an international, how have you found the overall standard of refereeing?

SOCRATES: Average and below-average. An awful lot of referees are 'prima donnas', and want to be the principal star on the field, and some I fully believe like to make controversial decisions because of the publicity it brings them. However, I have seen fine refereeing by some Europeans, but there is not enough uniformity — some referees referee by the book,

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**NEXT WEEK
DINO ZOFF
(Italy)**

BRAZIL'S WORLD CUP RECORD

Year	Opponents	Result	Year	Opponents	Result
1930	Yugoslavia	1-2	England	3-1	
	Bolivia	4-0	Chile	4-2	
1934	Spain	1-3	Czechoslovakia	3-1	
1938	Poland	6-5	Winners		
	Czechoslovakia	1-1	1966	Bulgaria	2-0
	Czechoslovakia	2-1		Hungary	1-3
	Italy	1-2		Portugal	1-3
	Sweden	4-2	1970	Czechoslovakia	4-1
	Third place			England	1-0
1950	Mexico	4-0		Rumania	3-2
	Switzerland	2-2		Peru	4-2
	Yugoslavia	2-0		Uruguay	3-1
	Sweden	7-1		Italy	4-1
	Spain	6-1		Winners	
	Uruguay	1-2	1974	Yugoslavia	0-0
	Runners-up			Scotland	0-0
1954	Mexico	5-0		Zaire	3-0
	Yugoslavia	1-1		East Germany	1-0
	Hungary	2-4		Argentina	2-1
1958	Austria	3-0		Holland	0-2
	England	0-0		Poland	0-1
	U.S.S.R.	2-0		Fourth Place	
	Wales	1-0	1978	Sweden	1-1
	France	5-2		Spain	0-0
	Sweden	5-2		Austria	1-0
	Winners			Peru	3-0
1962	Mexico	2-0		Argentina	0-0
	Czechoslovakia	0-0		Poland	3-1
	Spain	2-1		Italy	2-1
				Third place	

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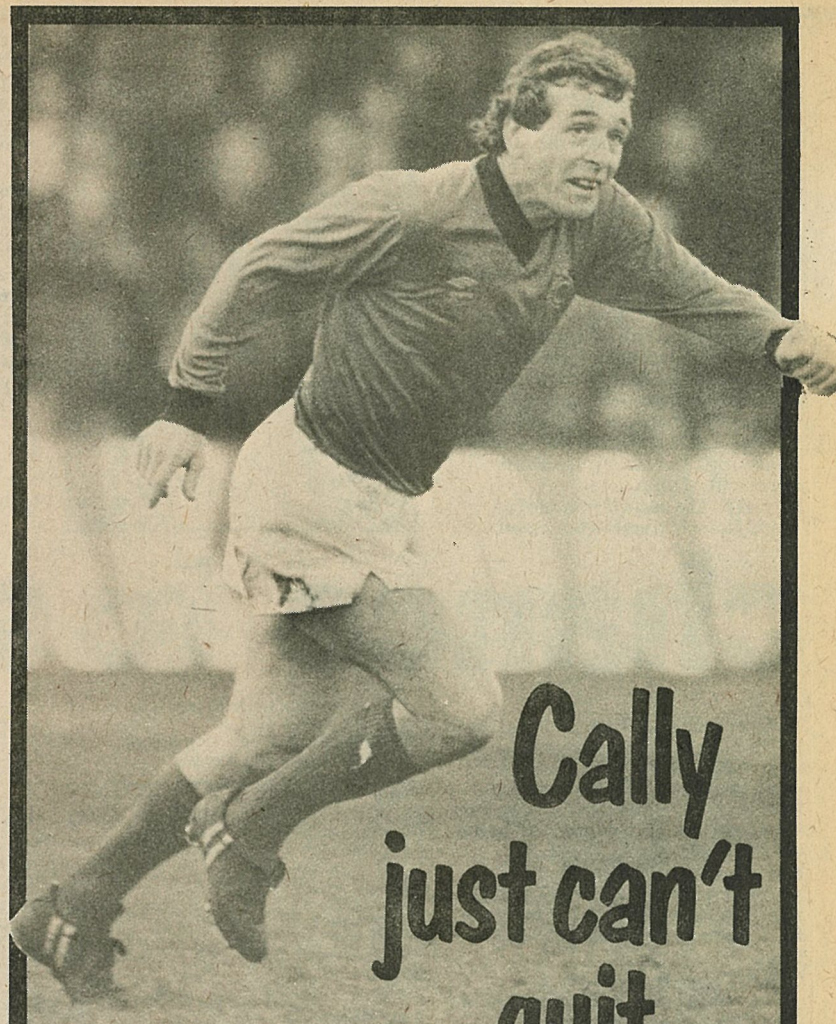
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**IAN Callaghan thought he
had given up football —
but finds himself
celebrating his 40th
birthday early in the New
Year by playing for Crewe in
the Fourth Division.**

Callaghan, who played 640
League games for Liverpool and
another 76 for Swansea, owes his
return to English soccer to his love
of the game — and a mystery
lookalike in the Crewe crowd.

"When I left Swansea in January
I had no firm plans to play again —
especially when I couldn't get a
work permit to take up an offer to
go to Norway during the
summer," he admitted.

'Long Flight'

"I turned out for Cork in
Southern Ireland three times, but
that meant a long flight with a
five-hour wait in Dublin for a
connection, so I was just content
to hang up my boots and
concentrate on the pub and
restaurant I've opened in Rainford,
near my Ormskirk home.

"It's a beautiful old place, built in
1769, and we've renovated the
bars and turned the stables into a
dining area. I was working so hard
on it that the new football season
got well under way without me
even noticing."

That was when Callaghan's
double went to Gresty Road, and
someone mentioned to Alexandra
boss Arfon Griffiths that the
former Anfield hero had been seen
at the game.

Griffiths, searching for

experience to prop up his young
side, told his assistant Alan
A'Court, another ex-Liverpool
man, and he rang Callaghan.

"It was quite embarrassing,"
Callaghan recalls with a smile.
"Alan said: 'I hear you came to
watch us? Would you be
interested in playing?'"

"I said I didn't want to appear
rude, but I'd been so busy getting
the restaurant ready I'd not even
been to watch Liverpool — let
alone Crewe.

"But Alan wouldn't take no for
an answer, so I agreed to give it a
month. I enjoyed it so much I
wanted to carry on — and I think
they were happy, too, because the
results started to pick up."

Callaghan still trains twice a
week at Anfield, where he won F.A.
Cup, Championship and European
medals in a glittering career.

"I've had a wonderful time in
football, but I've no ambitions to
stay in the game other than as a
player," he says.

"I'm probably too old now, I
ought to pack up, but I enjoy it and
I've never had a weight problem.

"I'm certainly only playing at
Crewe for the love of it. The club
had financial troubles, and they
aren't paying me any fortunes.

"But it's good fun helping out
the young lads. Who knows I could
end up like Stanley Matthews and
still be going strong in another ten
years' time. I've still not seen my
double in the crowd, but I think he
did me and Crewe a favour."

Up front with

**STEVE
ARCHIBALD**



"NUMBER 39 — Tottenham Hotspur will play number one Arsenal," said the man from the F.A. on BBC's Sports Report.

I couldn't believe it! We were to start the defence of the F.A. Cup at home to our neighbours and fiercest rivals.

I was out shopping with my wife Maureen and heard the draw on a radio in a shop.

As you may know I was out of the Spurs side that was drawing 0-0 at Leeds that Saturday afternoon because of my ankle injury.

When the lads heard the news in the Elland Road dressing room they set up the loudest cheer of the day.

I had been talking with them during training a few days before speculating who our Third Round opponents might be.

My own particular prediction was Nottingham Forest away.

Some may think Spurs would have preferred one of the smaller clubs at this stage. No way. I much prefer facing opponents we know something about.

Apparently the two clubs haven't met in the F.A. Cup since 1949 when The Gunners won 3-0.

Knocked out

Spurs have had their revenge since then, of course. We knocked them out of the League Cup last season in the Fourth Round, beat them 2-0 at White Hart Lane, but lost by the same score at Highbury.

This season there was a Cup rehearsal when we met at White Hart Lane on December 28th. Unfortunately SHOOT went to Press before the result was known.

Despite Arsenal's tremendous run of League wins lately they have come in for a fair amount of stick.

I don't share that criticism. It's difficult to knock a team that has overcome the loss of Liam Brady and Frank Stapleton, survived a shaky start to the season and emerged on the fringe of the Championship race.

The Gunners rely on pure teamwork with everyone doing a set job.

Maybe that is unadventurous for some and a wee bit mechanical, but

in today's game team-work is essential for success.

You certainly couldn't call youngsters like Chris Whyte, Paul Davis, Brian McDermott and Stewart Robson robots or boring.

My particular Arsenal favourites are David O'Leary, the best defender in Europe in my opinion, midfielder Graham Rix, striker Alan Sunderland and 'keeper Pat Jennings.

A great goalkeeper, strength in defence, skill and graft in midfield and up front — that's the heart of a super side.

The Spurs fans were never really happy about losing Pat... until Ray Clemence arrived.

He's made the supporters realise there is another 'keeper as good as Jennings.

'Young Gunners aren't robots'

It has been a difficult job for other 'keepers at Spurs to follow hero Pat.

There's obviously great rivalry between the fans, but I can honestly say it doesn't exist in the dressing room.

Win, lose or draw on Saturday we'll all meet in the players' lounge for a drink and chat about the game.

I doubt there will be many goals scored because there's too much at stake. Neither side will want to risk giving anything away with one rash, unguarded moment.

I'll stick my neck out and forecast a 2-1 win for Spurs. I'll be doing my best to score... if I'm fit to play that is.

I've made that match the target for my return to first team action.

As you know manager Keith Burkinshaw and I decided it was best

not to play again until my ankle injury had completely cleared up.

I should have made the decision earlier. I wasn't doing myself or the team any good at all.

I played on for almost four months because there were so many other injured players at the club and there was no one else available. I also hoped the injury would heal itself, but it didn't.

Then I got another knock on it against Notts County which made it worse. I realised then that I couldn't go on.

The club sent me to a Harley Street specialist who described the problem as a "ballet dancer's injury".

I couldn't stand on my toes or turn quickly without pain. That was useless for a striker.

The injury is common among ballet dancers and is cured by a simple operation which I had a few weeks ago.

Naturally my pride has been hurt

by all the speculation regarding my position at Spurs.

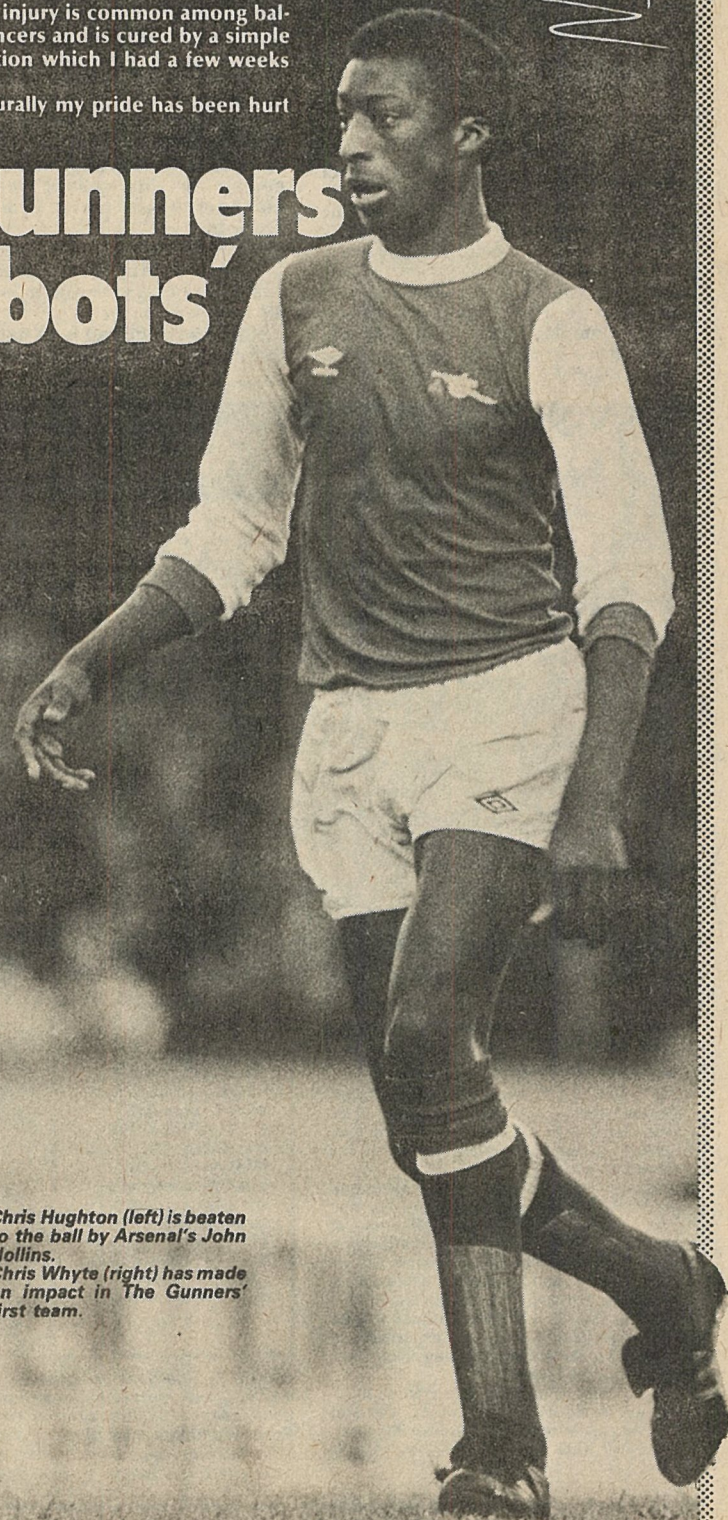
They are entitled to look around for top players. But I feel there's no need for me to justify myself.

Keith Burkinshaw knows what I can do when I am fully fit, but so far I haven't done myself or the team justice.

If I don't play against Arsenal I'll be there cheering on the lads to the Fourth Round and a possible meeting with Forest.

Yes, I've still got a strange feeling Spurs will play them at some stage in the competition this season.

Steve Archibald



Chris Hughton (left) is beaten to the ball by Arsenal's John Hollins. Chris Whyte (right) has made an impact in The Gunners' first team.



YESTERDAY'S HEROES

THE large turn out at a Windsor Park reunion of Linfield "golden oldies" of the immediate post-War era included one-time Irish international stars Alf McMichael (ex-Newcastle United), Davy Walsh (ex-WBA), Tommy Breen (ex-Man Utd), Norman Lockhart (ex-Aston Villa), Jimmy Feeney (ex-Swansea), and Sammy Smyth, who netted one of Wembley's finest-ever solo goals in Wolves' 1949 F.A. Cup Final win over Leicester.

Also there was Blues' Joe Bambrick, who hit a stunning 94 club and international goals, including a record "double-hat-trick" against Wales, back in 1929-30.

ROUGH'S BIRTHDAY BONUS

SCOTLAND and Partick Thistle star Alan Rough was recently voted Mackinlay's Football Personality Player of the Month — and the presentation of his award marked a special birthday bonus for the big keeper.

For as well as a gallon bottle of Mackinlay's whisky and a cheque for £100, Alan also collected a giant birthday cake — decorated with 30 miniatures instead of the usual candles.

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Peter Stewart
EDITOR

Kelly's shock return

EDDIE KELLY is an expert on Second Division soccer — a fact acknowledged by Leicester City boss, Jock Wallace, when he recently signed the midfielder player for the second time.

It was Kelly who guided Leicester into the First Division and was then released to join Notts County. His influence at Meadow Lane played a big part in the club getting back into the First Division, but his stay was short and he moved on to Bourne-mouth on a match to match basis.

It was then that Wallace decided that he required a player of Kelly's experience to guide his comparatively young team back up the soccer ladder.

Kelly said: "I'm looking forward to helping out again at Filbert Street. I'm still enjoying my soccer and obviously the manager feels that I have a part to play at Leicester."

MALCOLM ALLISON loved wearing a Fedora hat when he managed Crystal Palace. But Kuwait's captain Saad Al Houti is likely to cause even more of a stir when he leads his team to the World Cup Finals. Chances are he won't take his Cadillac car, but his clothes should be of interest.

FORMER Sheffield Wednesday, Bury and England centre-half Peter Swan has been sacked as manager of Northern Premier League club Matlock Town.

Swan, imprisoned for his involvement in the "Soccer Bribes Scandal",



played 19 times for England, including an appearance in the 1962 World Cup in Chile.

His career ended at international level when he and two other Wednesday players were disgraced over bribes.

BUCHAN WANTS TO STAY AT UNITED

MARTIN Buchan, long-serving captain of Manchester United, has no intention of leaving Old Trafford at the end of the season.

Buchan, aged 32, believes several players will leave the First Division title-chasing club at the end of the season.

But he says defiantly: "I don't intend to be one of them. Ron Atkinson has already told me that he doesn't worry about a player's age."

Buchan, battling hard to stay in the team with Gordon McQueen and Kevin Moran contesting the central defensive positions, is confident his attitude, enthusiasm and ability will persuade United's manager to keep him at Old Trafford.

Buchan has been a key member of United's defence for almost 10 years. He has a year and a half of his contract to run.

He says the squad is as happy this season as it was in his early

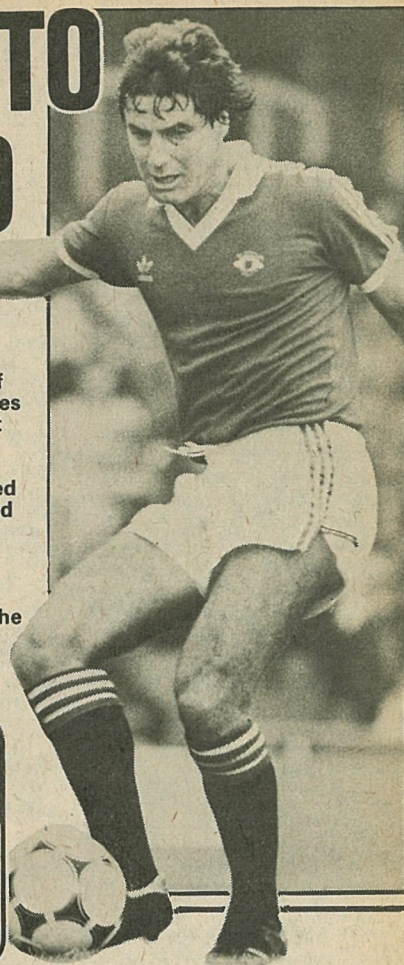
days at United.

"Ron Atkinson has brought some good players to the club. I am particularly impressed with Frank Stapleton from my point of view, and if you have got your eyes on the Championship you cannot have too many good players at your club," says Buchan.

Martin Buchan is also impressed with the return to form of England midfielder player Ray Wilkins.

"He is now showing the form Dave Sexton hoped he would produce," says Buchan.

Meanwhile, Atkinson has said he will listen to offers for McQueen.



ALTHOUGH Aberdeen's international goalkeeper Bobby Clark hasn't played since May, 1979, he's still confident that he'll be seen back in the Pittodrie goals before his contract expires next June.

Briefly

● Gordon Cowans points to newcomer Eamonn Deacy as the main reason why he has roared back to his best form and Villa have recovered from their bad start to the season.

Cowans, who was out of touch last term as Villa won the title, and who struggled again at the beginning of this campaign, claimed: "The way he has been playing has certainly sharpened my game."

● The Newcastle connection at non-League Gateshead just gets longer and longer.

Terry Hibbitt and John Tudor have been with the Northern Premier League club all season and they've now been joined by Jim Pearson and Peter Kelly.

● Chester chairman Reg Rowlands has quit the Sealord Road club after 33 years as a director.

Mr Rowlands, aged 70, resigned because of a

difference of opinion with the rest of the board over transfer policy. He was chairman at Chester for 25 years.

● Huw Lake has made it as a Football League professional, but his favourite player runs a local team in Swansea.

18-year-old Huw, who is a midfielder with Swansea City, still idolises his elder brother, Philip, the player-manager of Swan Athletic F.C.

Special match for Bill Taylor?

A TESTIMONIAL match for Bill Taylor, England coach and Oldham Athletic's assistant manager who died tragically last month, is being considered.

How better to honour the memory of a man so devoted to football than by inviting Ron Greenwood and Jock Stein to stage an England v Scotland game?

Bill was a key member of Greenwood's England set-up and retained strong connections with his native Scotland.

A testimonial would help ease the future financial worries of Bill's widow, Helen, and her two young daughters.

Boy-wonder Robson thrills Arsenal

ARSENAL have uncovered the most exciting talent to emerge since Liam Brady, David O'Leary and Graham Rix burst on to the Highbury scene a few years ago.

Stewart Robson is the player — and West Ham players will testify to the power of his tackling after a magnificent debut by the 17-year-old former public schoolboy.

Arsenal's manager Terry Neill, often reluctant to discuss young players, admitted after Robson's impressive debut at Upton Park: "He was the best tackler on the field."

Alan Devonshire, West Ham's brilliant midfielder star, had the bruises to prove it and their captain Billy Bonds felt the force of Robson's tackles.

"What about the time you upset

Billy Bonds?" Robson was asked. Robson replied: "He said I didn't go for the ball, but I think I did."

Robson, who played at right-back but can fill defensive or midfield positions, was "talked" through his debut game by Arsenal's established stars David O'Leary and John Hollins.

He agreed full professional terms a few days after his 17th birthday on November 6.

His former headmaster at Brentwood School, Essex, Richard Sale, who is an F.A. Councillor, says: "I'm not surprised Stewart has been chosen by Arsenal. He's a magnificent player. He virtually played the F.A. Youth XI on his own two years ago when he represented the Public Schools."



'I'M NO HATCHET MAN'

WEST BROM'S Dutch midfielder anchor man Martin Jol arrived in England just after completing a ban in Holland. And in his first ten games for Albion he was booked five times and consequently banned for two games.

Yet Jol claims: "I am not a hatchet man. I always go to play the ball, never the man. Three of the bookings I had with Albion were unjust."

"One of the reasons why I am being booked is that I am the only Albion midfielder player who tackles. Steve Mackenzie and Gary Owen don't go in for the ball very much. I have to tackle about 30 times in every game."

Jol also points to his record in Holland and says: "People may say I have a bad reputation because I was suspended in Holland just prior to coming here. But that was for bookings collected over a year and half."

"In three seasons in Holland I was only booked seven times. So perhaps the referees are stricter over here."

JOHN GAVIN, 14, a left-winger from East Didsbury, has joined Manchester United on associated schoolboys forms.

Chief scout Joe Brown says: "We are always interested in local boys, but it's not always possible to take them if we feel we have the chance of better youngsters from elsewhere."

GRAHAM Turner, Shrewsbury's player-manager, is wondering whether his playing career has come to an end because of an Achilles tendon injury. "I thought I'd beaten the injury, but I'm not so sure," he says.

CAMBRIDGE boss John Docherty reckons there is only one specialist in a football team — the goalkeeper. "I like my outfield players to be versatile," says the former Brentford, Sheffield United, Reading and Queens Park Rangers forward.

BOOK'S BACK

TONY Book, former manager of Manchester City, is back in business.

He is to resume coaching duties at Maine Road to fill the gap created by the departure of youth coach Tony Scott to Australia.

Book, at present assistant chief coach with responsibility for signing young players, will don his tracksuit again in his new role.

Book will share most of the youth coaching with assistant manager John Benson.

Scott, one time West Ham colleague of City manager John Bond, is pursuing a career in the Church.

"I know some people may think it is stupid but God has laid it on my heart to do it and I must do it," Scott explains.

The 40-year-old former winger admits to a former lifestyle involving heavy drinking.

"When I joined the church, I freed myself of all that," he says.

Scott's departure gives Tony Book an unexpected opportunity at Maine Road.

ALAN BUCKLEY, Walsall's joint-manager, has found himself on the substitute's bench for recent games. He was even relegated to number 13 spot for the recent F.A. Cup tie at Blyth.

Buckley was not happy with the decision of his partner, Neil Martin, but accepted that his form had suffered in recent weeks.

He has had family problems which have set him back considerably and now the little striker, one of the most dangerous players around the penalty area on his day, is hoping that this enforced break will eventually restore his old flair.

SUNDERLAND 'keeper Chris Turner is fit again after two months out with a hand injury — and that creates a problem for manager Alan Durban.

Turner won't be happy with reserve team football, yet Barry Siddall has been in brilliant form since taking his place this season.

Expect one of them to leave before the start of next season.

Why Keegan's scoring goals

SOME folk say Kevin Keegan is past his best, yet the Southampton striker went end the season with personal best figures.

Eight years ago with Liverpool, Keegan scored 13 goals, his best-ever tally. Those goals helped to win the Championship for The Reds.

Since then he's had three lots of 12 and last season scored 11 League goals for Saints, despite niggling injuries.

By December 5th Keegan had 15 European, League and Cup goals to his credit and will surely end the campaign with more than 20.

For England's sake let's hope this continues into the summer . . . and the World Cup Finals in Spain. No one has done more than Kevin Keegan to get England there.

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However, Bulldog Bobby, seen with former England star Bobby Charlton, is expected to help earn almost £1 million for the game.

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If Scotland boss Jock Stein was given his choice of World Cup group then he would settle happily for the one which will include Italy.

That may seem strange when you consider the Italian strengths but Stein has been to Spain along with Scottish FA Secretary Ernie Walker and after examining the various possibilities that is the one he would prefer.

The situation regarding the seedings and the placings of the various groups is complicated. But the way Stein reads it is like this.

"Two of the seeds and two of the sections have been decided now," he points out.

"Spain and Argentina are 'seeds' as hosts and holders and both will play in the South, Spain at Valencia and Argentina at Alicante. That is certain.

"Then the organising committee would like to have countries playing in climatic conditions which would most suit them.



Italy hold no fears for Jock Stein and his Scottish squad.

chances on that happening again.

"We have looked at hotels which would be suitable for the team," he says.

"They will be able to train there and to relax well away from the tension which is bound to build up in Spain itself.

"We realise that a lot of Scottish fans will be travelling there in the summer and we feel that it will be time enough to reach Spain maybe three or four days before our opening match.

"It means the players won't be kicking around the same hotel for too long. We want to get things right and if we can learn from the last two occasions we were in the Finals then that must be good for the squad."

Stein has been working patiently with his players trying to evolve a style of play which will be good for the Finals.

He is already aware that the play which carried the Scots to Spain may have to be tempered for the

SCOTS WANT TO PLAY ITALY



"This would place European qualifiers who are seeded, in the North and Brazil who will be seeded will be at Malaga.

"So we would have West Germany possibly at Gijon and Oviedo and then Italy at La Coruna and Vigo. That could be reversed but it would suit us to be in one of these sections — and going in against the Italians wouldn't upset me any."

The most vital thing for Stein and the Scots is that they force their way into the group of second rated seeds. Eight or so countries will be trying for that favoured spot and Stein realises this.

He stresses: "There are only six spots available and we believe that on recent World Cup form we should be in that grouping.

"We have qualified for three Finals in succession and this time around we will be going to Spain as winners of our group. That's what we aimed for because we knew that the question of seeding would arise.

"I would like to think that on current World Cup form that we have a reasonable chance of being one of the second batch of six."

In fact, Stein has already booked a pre-Finals' base for the Scots in the Algarve.

Remembering the boredom which overtook many of the players when they were confined to the Sierras Hotel in Alta Gracia four years ago Stein is taking no

matches there.

"What was good enough to get us there might not necessarily be good enough to do well in the Finals," says the Scotland supremo.

"We have to be more patient than we have been in some of the section games. Perhaps the way we played against Northern Ireland in Belfast in the first-half would give an indication of what we are aiming for.

"I don't think we have played much better than that in any of the other games. It's something for us to work on."

That work began in the meaningless final section game in Lisbon and finishing touches will be provided in the games between now and the summer.

Matches

There are friendly games against Spain in Valencia and Holland in Glasgow.

Then there are three home international matches as well.

He admits: "It's impossible to talk about the squad this early because injuries and form loss could affect players. We have to wait to see how everyone is closer to the summer."

However, unless there are some major shocks ahead of the Scots, Stein won't make changes.

He has built the present squad carefully over the years he has been in charge. Now, so close to solid success with the international team, he won't chop and change without good reason.

Once the draw is made in a couple of weeks time Stein will begin to formulate plans to see Scotland's opponents. There is no way that he will adopt the cavalier attitude of his predecessor Ally MacLeod, who didn't bother going to see any of the teams Scotland were drawn against in Argentina.

That won't happen this time. Stein will make certain of that.



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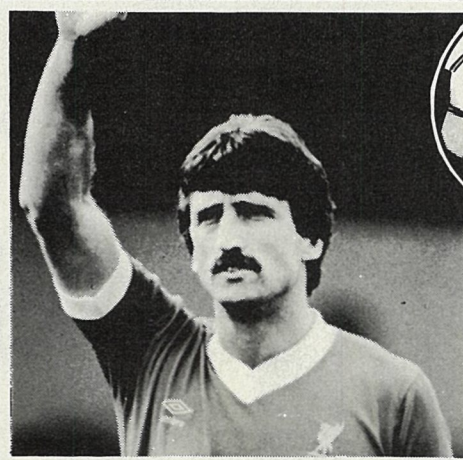
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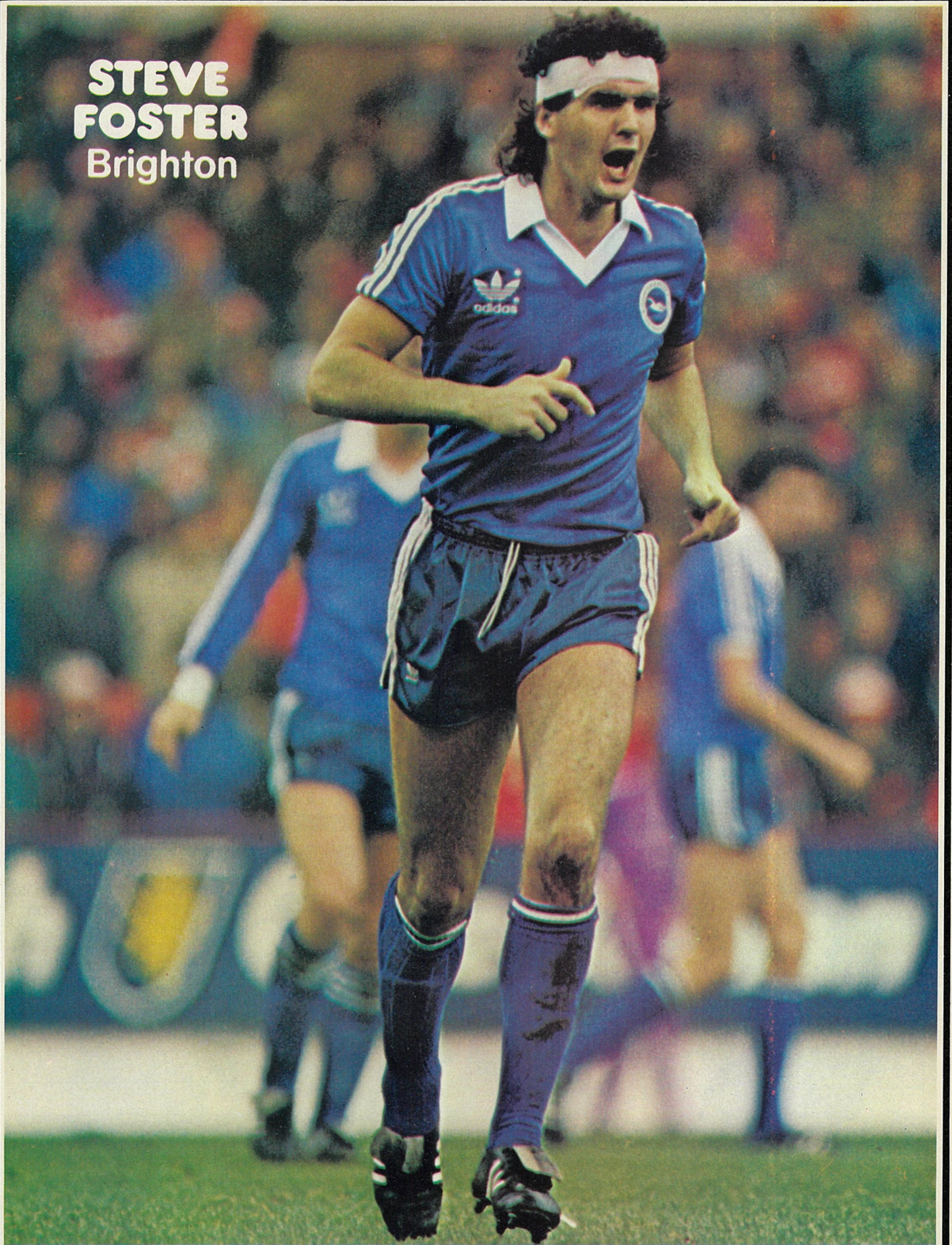
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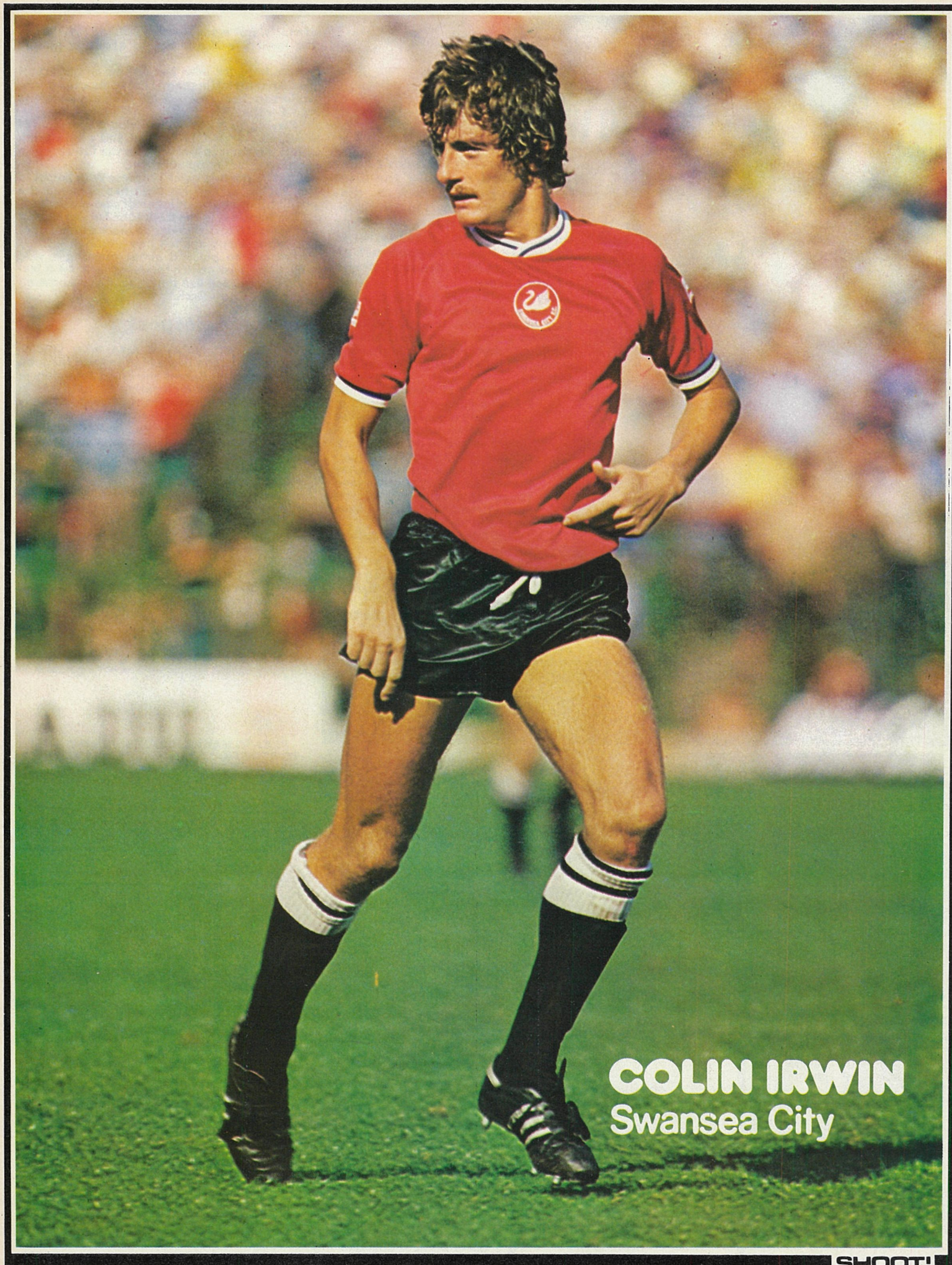
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ANDERSON'S AIM - to win at Wembley

THE fact that he hasn't been selected recently for England duty has been a disappointment to Nottingham Forest's Viv Anderson — but one that the international defender has shrugged off as he reviews the present stage of his career.

Says Viv: "I regretted not being in the squad for the match against Hungary at Wembley, though I've been satisfied with my club form. And I'm confident that Forest will make a strong bid for at least one trophy this season."

"Winning at Wembley in the F.A. Cup Final is an ambition of mine, and I would like to realise it this season with Forest."

"We've had to do some team rebuilding following the departures of Trevor Francis, Kenny Burns and Garry Birtles, and young replacements like Justin Fashanu and Mark Proctor have settled in well."

"Up front, Justin is adjusting to our style and will do even better when he knocks in a few more goals to give him confidence, and in midfield Mark is doing his stuff."

"We didn't get off to the best

of starts, but we are within striking distance of the leaders and are aiming at lessening the gap."

As a full-back who has played an important part in the Nottingham Forest success story, Anderson has enjoyed his club's excursions into Europe.

"Playing for a Continental club is something I wouldn't rule out for myself and might think about. But that is looking into the future, not a matter I'm contemplating yet."

Anderson made quick progress with Forest in the 1970's, and in his time has sampled the positions of striker, midfielder and defender.

"I'm happiest in the back-four. I prefer having a specific job to do, having to mark a man out of the game, a one against one situation."

"I'm not so pleased about meeting a side which has two centre-forwards in a 4-4-2 formation. In a case like that it's difficult knowing exactly who to watch."

Respect

Not surprisingly, as a man who studies wingers, Anderson has a high respect for John Robertson, Peter Barnes and Willie Johnston. In addition, he gives high rating to forwards in other positions, such as Frank Stapleton, Kenny Dalglish, Trevor Francis, Garry Birtles and Mike Robinson.

And in assessing the Championship potential of leading clubs, Viv is as emphatic in his views as he is when discussing other players.

He says: "Spurs are definitely the finest side I've come up against this season — they certainly gave us the runaround in London. They must come into the reckoning for the title, and the League table at present shows that Manchester United, Ipswich and Swansea are in contention."

"And I'll sound the usual warning — never write off Liverpool, who don't appear to me to have shot their bolt. Finally, don't discount Nottingham Forest."

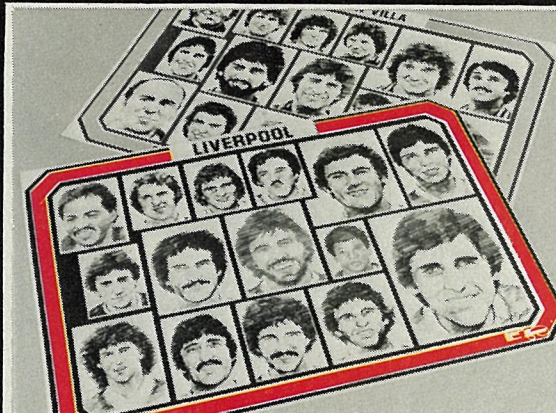
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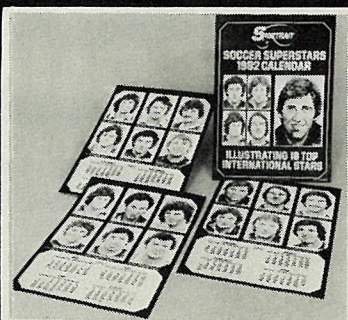
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The records keep coming for Zoff

RON Greenwood may not be able to decide which is the better: Peter Shilton or Ray Clemence.

But even at the ripe young age of 39 (40 in February) Dino Zoff is still Italy's undisputed number one goalkeeper.

He played his 96th international (an Italian record) against Luxembourg in December and kept his 53rd clean sheet.

Zoff was at his 'meanest' between 1972 and 1974 when he kept his goal intact for 1,144 minutes (12 games) before Emmanuel Sanon of, of all teams, Haiti finally broke the duck.

With Juventus his record is 903 minutes in 1972-73.

Dino made his League debut before many of you were born,

back in 1961 with Udinese against Fiorentina.

Since then, Zoff has gone on to win five Championship medals and one U.E.F.A. Cup winners' medal with Juventus. With Italy, he's won a European Nations Cup winners' medal in 1968.

It's around ten years and 300 matches since he last missed a League game.

In June Zoff will almost certainly be the oldest player in the World Cup Finals. Probably a centurian in terms of caps.

The incredible Zoff — and in next week's SHOOT you can read what Dino has to say in our World Cup captains series.

● Congratulations from Gentile for Zoff after another clean sheet — Italy 2, England 0. Rome, 1976.



SEE BARCELONA AND IT'LL COSTA FORTUNE



BARCELONA'S treasurer is a happy man these days, as the increase in capacity at the Nou Camp (currently 105,000 and it'll be 120,000 when work is completed) has meant a lot more money for the club's coffers.

Barcelona netted £300,000, for example, for their Cup-Winners' Cup match against Dukla Prague.

Mind you, it's far from cheap to watch football at the Nou Camp. A group of Danish fans chartered a special aircraft to go to Barcelona for the Valencia game, as idols Allan Simonsen and Frank Arnesen were face to face.

The Danes expected to pay around £7 for a good seat, but the club insisted that the cheapest seat now costs £11.

Meanwhile the players of Second Division club Almeria spent the best part of a week locked in the offices of the Spanish F.A. in Madrid after the repeated failure of the club to pay their wages.

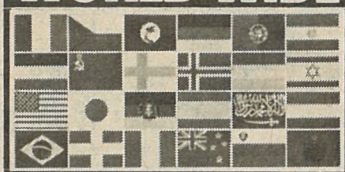
Almeria were top of a list of clubs who still owed money at the beginning of the season, and after a two-week strike by the players the F.A. agreed to put up the cash in exchange for a mortgage on Almeria's Franco Navarra stadium.

Now they've discovered that the ground has been mortgaged to a local bank.

The F.A. promptly withdrew the licences of Almeria's new signings (all six of them) and the squad decided to start a sit-in at the F.A. offices in a bid to lay their hands on some of the back wages still owed.

● Photo shows Simonsen and Schuster, Barcelona's two foreign stars.

WORLD WIDE



Compiled by **CHRIS DAVIES**

WHAT colours will the British teams wear during the World Cup Finals?

Before you answer, it's worth bearing in mind that five of the qualified countries wear white shirts (six if we include Peru's white-with-red-diagonal); six more wear red shirts; seven wear blue; and three wear green.

The only nations unlikely to have colour-clash problems are World Champions Argentina (sky-blue and white) and their arch-rivals Brazil, the only team to wear yellow.

RIO DE JANEIRO is still mourning the death of ex-national team manager Claudio Coutinho, and speculating about the mysterious details of his drowning while fishing near Copacabana beach.

Coutinho, who led Brazil's 1978 World Cup campaign and then master-minded Flamengo's League triumph, was on holiday back home after a year in charge of Los Angeles Aztecs.

FC BRUGES have hit bad times. They had their first win for two months against Beringen, but they're still only one from bottom of the Belgian First Division.

IN BRAZIL, Sao Paulo's international star Mario Sergio is facing disciplinary action and a possible suspension from the national team following an incident after the Sao Jose — Sao Paulo game.

The players were on the team bus when a group of rival fans began to shout insults, so Mario Sergio produced a revolver and fired a few shots into the air!

Nothing happening in Peru

PERU'S national team manager Tim is getting worried about the lack of serious preparation work for the World Cup Finals.

The Brazilian 'grandfather' has won a place in Peruvian hearts after leading the country's triumphant rampage through the qualifying group, but he now admits: "It's almost as if we hadn't qualified because nothing is happening at all."

"Month after month is being wasted by arguing about who should sit on committees, but nothing has been done to get our five overseas players released; there are no training camps; and no overseas tours."

BLACK MAGIC IN BRAZIL

SUPERSTITION and black magic are still rife in Brazil, even in this day and age, as illustrated by the following.

Botafogo F.R. had not beaten Vasco da Gama for five years.

So on the eve of their League game it was decided to change their strip from the traditional black and white striped shirts, black shorts and black socks to an all white strip.

The result was a 3-1 win for Botafogo. Next day, the directors met and considered a change to all white.

However, an important voice was raised against the idea, the kit master Cosme said: "No, let us keep the all white kit just for matches against Vasco, because the all white will counter the black magic, as it did on our 3-1 win."

"The Vasco witchdoctor buried a doll in a black and white striped shirt and this has caused our lack of success against them over these past five years." Needless to say, this argument carried the day.

News flashes

● **FALCAO**, who it is hoped will return to play for Brazil in the World Cup, is having fantastic success with Roma, to the extent that he is being called "Il divino Brasileiro" (the divine Brazilian) by the Italian Press and fans.

● **Franz Beckenbauer** (below) has announced that he will hang up his boots at the end of this season and become a journalist.



● **Pogon Stettin** are leaders at the halfway mark in the Polish First Division — in their first season up from Division Two.

● **Juan Schiaffino**, inside-left and scorer of the winning goal (2-1 against home side Brazil) in the 1950 World Cup Final and later a big star in Italy, has had one spell as manager of Uruguay. But offered the job when Roque Maspoli was sacked after Uruguay failed to qualify for Spain he said: "No thanks, our players are too interested in money."

● **West German F.A.** Chairman Herr Hermann Neuburger has received a petition with more than 1,000 signatures from the

town of Duisberg. They want Bernd Schuster, now with Barcelona, to play in the World Cup. Herr Neuburger is also concerned that the German Press want him back and publicly promised to fly to Spain and try to persuade Schuster to contact manager Jupp Derwall and make his peace... and play.

● **Louis Pilot**, manager of Luxembourg, had no luck in the World Cup — pointless and one goal to 23 after eight games. But in his other job as manager of Avenir FC (Beggen) his team tops the Luxembourg Division Premiere with a 100 per cent record after ten games. His top scorer, with 11 out of 30 goals, is a West German, Hans Krings, signed from Borussia Monchengladbach.



● **THREE** Bundesliga clubs sacked their bosses in one week — an all-time record.

Curiously, a protest by Karlsruher SC fans, supporting dismissed boss Manfred Krafft, underlined that English is fast becoming the world football language.

New KSC boss, the bluff Austrian Max Merkel who led 1860 Munich to the Cup-Winners' Cup Final against West Ham in 1965, was greeted by fans waving banners reading... "Merkel go home" ... in English.

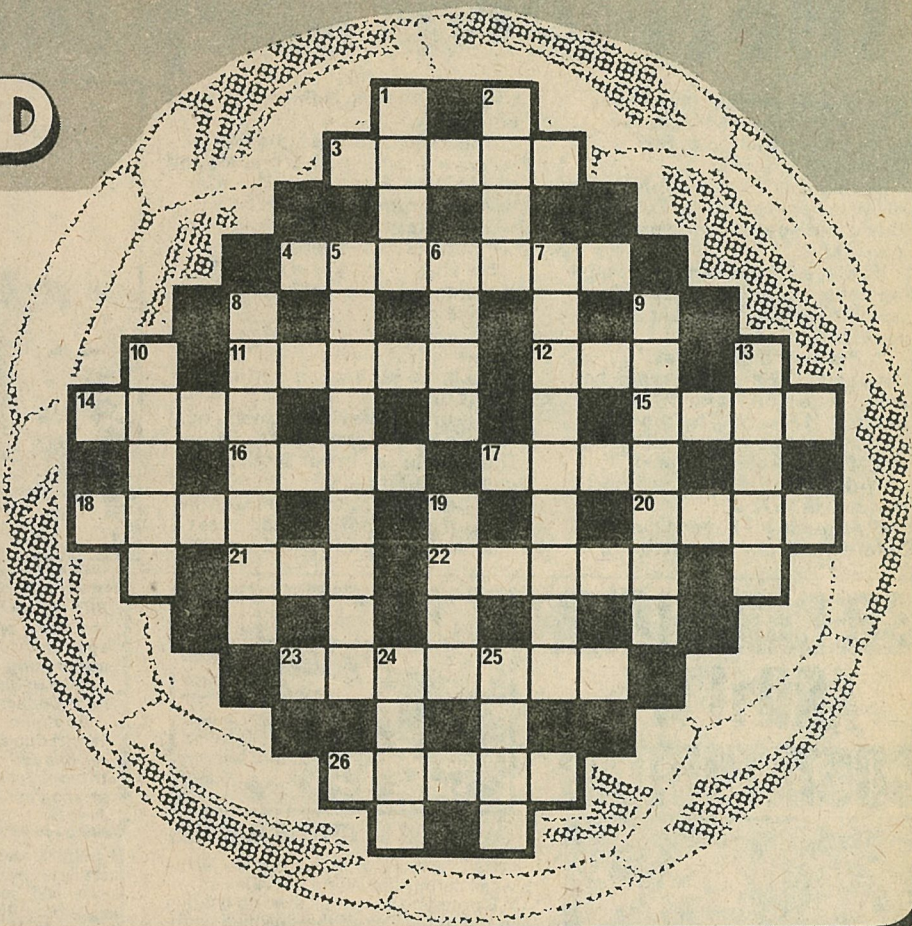
On the ball CROSSWORD

ACROSS:—

- (3) Ivan —, Southampton defender. (5)
 (4) — Road, ground of Liverpool. (7)
 (11) Absorbent cloth for use after the bath! (5)
 (12 & 18) Home of Southampton. (3)
 (14) A.S. — European Cup-Winners' Cup team from Italy. (4)
 (15) Dave — ham; Nottingham Forest defender. (4)
 (16) Phil —; Liverpool defender. (4)
 (17) Keith Berts —; Norwich striker. (4)
 (18) See 12. (4)
 (20) Mel —, Wolves striker. (4)
 (21) If Middlesbrough, Rochdale & Wrexham give "HEM"; what will Cambridge, Chelsea & Newport give? (3)
 (22) High up or overhead. (5)
 (23) Protects ones goal, for instance! (7)
 (26) Paul —, Spurs defender. (5)

DOWN:—

- (1) Billy —, Middlesbrough striker. (4)
 (2) Kevin —, Crystal Palace defender. (4)
 (5) They have won the F.A. Cup six times... but not since 1954/55. (9)
 (6) Carl — United play at Brunton Park. (4)
 (7) Peter —, Celtic goalkeeper. (9)
 (8) Garry —, Swansea midfielder. (7)
 (9) Dave —, Cardiff City forward. (7)
 (10) Paul —, Manchester City midfielder player. (5)
 (13) — Withe, Aston Villa striker. (5)
 (19) The takings or attendance at the match. (4)
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'1982 WILL NOW BE A GOOD YEAR'



BRYAN ROBSON
Writes for you

"A long way from Norway — England celebrate their victory over Hungary at Wembley . . . and a place in the World Cup Finals."

AT one time it looked as if 1982 was going to be a very bad year for our football. I'll never forget walking off the pitch after losing 2-1 in Oslo and saying to myself: "Well, Bryan, that's the World Cup gone. You'll have to wait another few years now . . ."

If that was the low point of 1981, then there's no prize for guessing the high spot.

After beating Hungary at Wembley, and ensuring qualification for Spain, we were doing a lap of honour.

"Is this what it's like after you've won a Cup Final?" I asked Terry McDermott, who's experienced that a few times with Liverpool.

"Too right!" he remarked. It was fabulous, and ensured that 1982 won't be such a bad year after all.

Boost

With England, Scotland and Northern Ireland in the World Cup Finals, British football has received a tremendous boost.

I can't speak for the Scots or the Irish, but I know the England players are determined to make the most of a chance that seemed lost.

The criticism, even if some of it was justified, hurt. No professional likes to be criticised, and we aim to show everyone that we can put on a good show in Spain.

Obviously a personal highlight of 1981 was signing for United.

My main aims for 1981 were to join a big club and win a few pots; and to establish myself in the England squad.

When I asked to leave West Brom, two clubs sprang to mind that I'd like to join: United and

Liverpool. Think big!

I was aware that few clubs could afford the fee that West Brom would ask. With all that behind me, I can think about winning a League Championship medal in my first season with United.

I wouldn't go as far as to say I'm established in the England team, although I like to think I'd take a lot of knocking out of the squad now.

I'm not one for New Year Resolutions. If someone asked me my targets for '82 I'd say they were to win the League, F.A. Cup and World Cup. In other words — everything possible.

Realistically, it isn't possible, but you have to set your sights high.

I wouldn't be surprised if Liverpool, Villa or Spurs kept up England's impressive record in European competition.



"Liverpool won the 1981 European Cup — but face competition from Villa to retain their Euro crown."

After winning two Euro Cups last season, English clubs had a setback early in 1981/82 and now just three remain. Mind you, it was a similar situation last season and we ended up with two Cups!

I'm not sure whether the game in general improved in 1981. Liverpool were always the team in front, but now there are four or five teams challenging for the title. That can only be a boost, though.

What HAS improved our game is the influx of foreigners. They've given English soccer a new dimension and in this respect it was fitting that Ricky Villa should score the goals of a lifetime to win the F.A. Cup for Spurs.

Three points for a win hasn't made any difference in attitude. Football is still all about winning and losing. If you're 1-0 up away from home, you still attack when you can and defend when you have to. The points system doesn't come into it.

I think players are happy with the abolition of red and yellow cards. Referees now have a few more seconds to collect their thoughts, rather than to whip out a yellow card.

Hopefully we won't see any more artificial pitches in 1982. I realise that financially they're a good idea, but I firmly believe they shorten careers.

Having played on plastic pitches in Saudi Arabia and at Lillleshall I can say that they're not for me.

Impressed

I'll be keeping an eye on the progress of Arsenal's young defender Stewart Robson, not just because we share the same name. I saw him play at Liverpool, only his second first team game, and I was impressed by his approach.

He didn't seem overawed, tackled well and went forward when he had to.

1982, though, is the Year of the World Cup. And let's hope the headlines are about what happens on the pitch, not off it.

England is getting a bad name because of the antics of a hooligan minority. I'm genuinely worried by what may happen in Spain.

If the fans get a few drinks down them in the hot sun . . . I'm also worried that many genuine England fans, who go away to support their country, are being picked on simply because they're English.

More immediately we face a tricky F.A. Cup tie at Watford. We could hardly have had a more testing start to the Cup campaign.

Bryan Robson.



BATTLING BERRY

aims for Wales return

"I went in to see him, we had a few words and I ended up putting in a transfer request. The promise I made to myself was 'watch me go next time I get a chance'."

"It came with a trip to Swansea, who had won their first five home First Division games. I wasn't down to play but Joe Gallagher dropped out through injury. John Barnwell put me into the side and the timing could not have been better."

"First off, I had to show him what I could do; then Wales manager Mike England, who hasn't had me in any squad that he's selected; and finally — because I was on the list — any manager who was taking a look at my form."

Berry had a superb match in central defence. Swansea failed to score on their own pitch for the first time since they arrived in the First Division.

"It got better," points out Berry. "I stayed in the side from that point and the next four games were all clean sheets!"

Arrived

"I'm particularly sad about being left out of the Wales squad. If I had to pick the two best moments of my life, it would be standing for the Welsh national anthem when I made my debut against West Germany and the lap of honour at Wembley after Wolves had beaten Nottingham Forest in the 1980 Final."

Again Berry had a brilliant match when, unknown to 100,000 spectators and millions on television, he was playing under the greatest personal stress. "My Dad was fighting for his life. He died the next day," says George quietly.

Emlyn Hughes hailed Berry as the finest player at Wembley in that victory which ended Forest's two-year reign as League Cup holders. He wants to restore his Welsh international career for his mother, who was born in the Welsh valley town of Mountain Ash.

"I know how much it means to her when I play for Wales," says the tall, stylish defender. "That match at the Vetch Field, playing against the Welsh team of the moment, gave me the perfect opportunity to provide Mike England, who was looking on, with a reminder."

"Now I hope that I'll be there when he selects the squad for the British Championship matches."

"My philosophy now is that I play every game as if it is my last. I feel that if I don't play to my full potential, then I'll be axed."

Berry's insistence on playing with polished constructive style in central defence has pitched him into trouble from time to time. Occasionally he has been caught out attempting to intelligently play the ball away rather than use the traditional thump up-field.

"Expert criticism which is justified can only help. That is always something that I will listen to," he says. "It's the 'smart' people who don't know too much about the game that I ignore."



Berry goes close for Wolves against Nottingham Forest in the 1980 League Cup Final. Many considered him to be the best player at Wembley that day.

GEORGE Berry has had enough of the bad times and starts the New Year with fighting talk that will please the Wolves management when he says: "I'll never give up. When I'm up against it . . . that's when I'm at my best!"

Berry has demonstrated his determination once already this season.

"Wolves manager John Barnwell dropped me after we had lost by five goals to Manchester United and I thought it was unfair."

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FRANZ BECKENBAUER Mark II... that's the title that is being given to Aberdeen's precocious youngster Neale Cooper. And it has the stamp of approval from the West German idol himself!

Kaiser Franz, hoping to lead Hamburger SV to the Bundesliga title this season, was in Edinburgh with manager Ernst Happel and general manager Gunter Netzer to watch UEFA Cup rivals Aberdeen in action against Hibs a few days before their first leg tie at Pittodrie.

Beckenbauer was openly impressed

for a high ball.

"I had to have several stitches inserted in the head wound and I was forced to miss the European tie.

"I was really looking forward to playing against the West Germans and, of course, Franz Beckenbauer is a player I greatly admire.

"Do I copy his style? How can anyone copy a player with such immense individual skill?

"If people say I remind them of a player such as Beckenbauer I can

International Youth squad and there is absolutely no doubt that he will eventually progress into the top team.

"I don't intend to rush him," says Pittodrie manager Alex Ferguson. "But you only have to take one look at him to realise he is a very special youngster."

Fergie, who is always very protective of his Pittodrie babes, realises that Cooper's outstanding displays are likely to bring a host of big money clubs sniffing around, but he refuses to indulge in any transfer talk and argues: "We don't need the money." "We're more interested in

KAISER COOPER

by the silky smooth talents of Neale Cooper, operating in the West German superstar's position in the middle of the defence.

Beckenbauer (right) says: "He was very, very good, though. He was never in a hurry and always knew what he was doing. I liked his style. His potential is very much in evidence.

"How old is he? Only 18! I thought he was older than that. He plays with so much maturity. I've noted the name. Neale Cooper is certainly one to look out for in the future."

Alas, Cooper was injured in the match against Hibs and had to watch from the Pittodrie stand as Aberdeen beat the West Germans 3-2 in that pulsating first leg tie.

"That was a most frustrating experience," says Cooper. "There were only a few minutes to play against Hibs when I clashed with Gordon Rae while going in hard



only take that as the highest possible compliment."

Blond haired Cooper, whose father once worked in a tea plantation in India where the Aberdeen starlet was born, has already played for the Scottish

building a team here, not wrecking one."

Fergie would still like to see the goalscoring skills of Steve Archibald in the Pittodrie attack and did everything in his power to try to persuade the international leader to reconsider his £1 million move to Spurs at the start of last season.

Aberdeen are obviously a team gearing for the 80's and Neale Cooper will undoubtedly be playing a key role.

"He has leadership qualities," says Franz Beckenbauer. "He controls things well at the back and links with the midfield players. He always wants to be involved and that is a good sign.

"When I watched him against Hibs in Edinburgh it was a very fast game yet he refused to be panicked or rushed.

"Are you certain he is only 18? Remarkable!"

EIGHT MEN COULDN'T REPLACE JIM!

JIM McARTHUR has been with Hibs for nine years after a £30,000 move from Cowdenbeath, but it's only recently that he has been able to believe he has a future at Easter Road.

McArthur's goalkeeping position at Hibs has been under considerable pressure during those nine years and he has been in and out of the first team like a yo-yo

One minute it was glory, the next it was goodbye! Eight goalkeepers have taken over from Jim, yet today he is No. 1 with manager Bertie Auld and after recent displays it looks at long last as though he is ready for a prolonged run in the top team.

Jim Herriot, Bobby Robertson, Hugh Whyte, Roddie McKenzie, Mike MacDonald, Dave Huggins, Colin Kelly and Ally Donaldson have all put pressure on the 29-year-old Fifer for that goalkeeper's jersey, but they have all now departed from Easter Road and McArthur has just signed a new

contract!

"At the start of the season it didn't look as though I would be staying," says McArthur.

"I had completed my contract and wasn't too enthusiastic about the new one I was offered. I was out in the cold when the gaffer, Bertie Auld, brought in Ally Donaldson.

'My way'

"However, Ally is now with Raith Rovers, I've put pen to paper and I just hope things go my way in the coming seasons.

"This is potentially a very good outfit. Mr. Auld has all the players working for each other and it has made us a far more professional outfit.

"For instance, we had conceded only nine goals after 11 League games and that isn't a bad average. In fact, it was the best in the Premier Division at the time.

"Don't think that makes us a

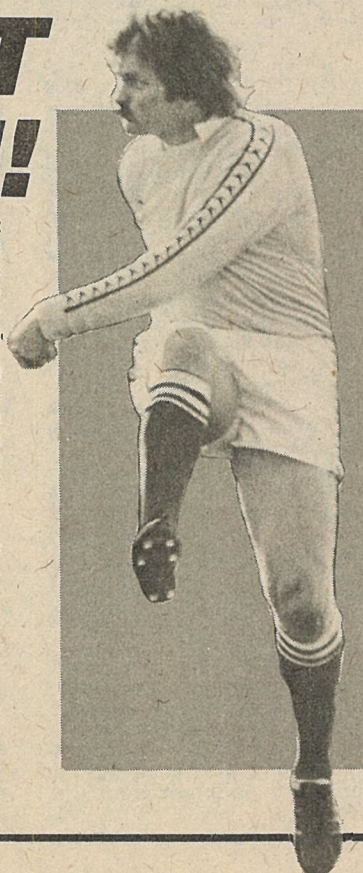
defensive side, though. It's just that Mr. Auld insists on players backing each other up. He wants players to time their runs into attack rather than just going forward on the off chance and being caught out of position."

McArthur certainly knows all about the ups and downs of football life and only recently he was acclaimed a hero after making a fantastic double save against Celtic as the Champions lost their unbeaten record at Easter Road.

"Celtic were awarded a penalty-kick in the second-half while we were leading 1-0," says McArthur.

"Charlie Nicholas took it and placed it low to my right. I managed to push it out. Frank McGarvey came racing in like a train to connect with the rebound, but, thankfully, I got my body behind that effort to keep it out."

General George McArthur, famous for his phrase: "We will return," has clearly influenced his goalkeeping namesake.



HALF-TERM REPORT



WORLD CUP JOY FOR U.K.

ENGLAND, Scotland, Northern Ireland... not since 1958 when all four Home Nations reached Sweden have the soccer players of the United Kingdom done so well in the World Cup qualifiers.

Scotland, who are now preparing for their third successive Finals, were never under any pressure as they coasted home in Group Six, but for the others it wasn't quite so easy.

England, with a lot of help from their friends in Switzerland, scrambled home against all the odds to qualify for the first time in 20 years (above, Mariner is mobbed after scoring against Hungary). Ron Greenwood's men might not have covered themselves in glory in reaching Spain, but the fact that they have made it will give the domestic game a much-needed boost.

And Northern Ireland cast aside all their political and religious quarrels to unite and come in behind the Scots and also ensure their place among the World Cup 24. They won't be the strongest team in Spain, but they'll certainly be one of the most welcome.

And hard luck to gallant Wales, beaten on goal-difference by mighty Czechoslovakia. Their failure to qualify is the only black mark in the United Kingdom's challenge for the most important trophy in the game.



ROBSON'S RECORD

THE season opened for West Bromwich Albion with more rumours than a poor episode of Dallas.

Would Bryan Robson (above, right) be leaving for Manchester United? What was going to happen with Remi Moses? Who would take their place?

As Albion stuttered, Ron Atkinson 'raided' The Hawthorns and came away with Robson and Moses — leaving the West Brom bank balance considerably healthier.

The 24-year-old Robson's £1.75 million fee beat Andy Gray's record by a quarter

of a million pounds.

Chances are it will never be broken. There isn't the money or the players around.

Robson has proved, so far, that he was worth the massive investment. He's been the best thing to happen to the England team since Kevin Keegan.

A future captain maybe. But at the moment Bryan Robson's name must be the first manager Ron Greenwood pencils in his team sheets.

The good



THREE POINTS A WINNER

WHEN the Football League decided to introduce three points for a win, there was a great deal of criticism from those worried that the new scheme would encourage teams to defend a one-goal lead. The opposite has been the case.

Goals are up, the number of away wins has increased dramatically and teams playing for a draw seem to have become a thing of the past.

Those with a high ratio of drawn games (i.e. West Ham) have suffered under the system. Attacking teams such as Spurs (above, celebrating against Stoke) have benefited greatly.

Nobody likes to see the laws of the game being tampered with too much, but there seems little doubt the first major change since the introduction of three-up, three-down in 1973 is a HIT.

GOODBYE TO GRASS

QUEENS PARK RANGERS' venture into the artificial world of plastic grass has met with a fair amount of criticism so far, but following the sudden snowfalls we should soon begin to appreciate the value of an all-weather pitch.

Ironically, a recent Rangers reserve game was postponed because the

groundstaff couldn't sweep the snow off the Omniturf in time, but with a harsh winter predicted, it's our bet that Q.P.R. (hoops) will have fewer disruptions to their programme than any other team in the League.

Don't be surprised to see a few more cubs following Rangers' lead in the not too distant future.





GOAL-KING KEVIN

THE good news for England is that Kevin Keegan (above) is almost certain to lead his country in Spain having completed his most successful season ever in terms of goals.

The Southampton striker had already broken the records he set with Liverpool as 1981 became 1982. Unless his supply suddenly dries up, he could well end the

season with around 30 goals. "He's fit... free of the niggling injuries that hampered him last season," says Saints manager Lawrie McMenemy.

Ironically, Keegan's goal of the season — indeed, probably the goal of his career — was disallowed. The only consolation is that the television cameras were present to capture his brilliant overhead effort against Manchester United at The Dell. David Armstrong was offside — but it must be the best goal Kevin never scored.



THE DOC GUILTY AND NOT GUILTY

THE only thing certain about Tommy Docherty is that he'll never be out of the news. 1981 was another 'vintage' year for The Doc in this respect.

We saw The Doc in the dock at the Old Bailey on a charge of perjury.

"I wonder if they'd ask me to run the prison team. All I'd have to do is get a run of bad results and they'd have to sack me and let me out!" he wisecracked.

Tommy was found not guilty — but after a third of a season with Preston, the Deepdale club found The Doc guilty of not getting the right results.

For the umpteenth time Docherty was on the move again. Where to no one was certain.

But we all knew it certainly wasn't the last we'd heard of this larger-than-life character.

times are back!

SWANSEA SURPRISE

FROM re-election candidates to the top of the First Division, that is the incredible tale of Swansea City (right, light shirt), who just six and a half years ago finished at the wrong end of the Football League.

When they secured promotion from the Second Division last season, many predicted instant relegation for the Welshmen, but John Toshack's men have taken the football world by storm.

They may not win the League title for the first time in their history this season, but nobody will underestimate the men from the Vetch Field again.



EURO SHOCKS

IN May Ipswich and Liverpool became Kings of Europe, winning the U.E.F.A. Cup and European Cup. Whatever the state of England's national team, club football was healthy — even if it was, to no small extent, due to the odd Scotsman or Dutchman.

After two rounds of the 1981/82 Euro Cups, only Spurs, Liverpool and Aston Villa flew the flag for England... the rest, including Ipswich, having fallen by the wayside.

Scotland ruled in the U.E.F.A. Cup — and full marks to Aberdeen (above, dark shorts) and Dundee United for their progress.

Whether the European Cup can stay in England for the sixth successive season remains to be seen.



UNITED'S SIX WEEK SENSATION

MANCHESTER UNITED had just drawn 1-1 at Villa Park. A fair result... but it still put them bottom of Division One. Hardly the sort of start to the season United fans were looking for under 'messiah' Ron Atkinson.

"Worried?" said the Big Man. "Twenty-first from top!" Six weeks later, in October, Atkinson had guided United to the top of the First Division.

Perhaps it cost the club a few million pounds in transfer fees. Perhaps Atkinson isn't the most popular man around West Bromwich.

The Old Trafford regulars don't care. United were back where they belonged and the Reds' fans were happy.

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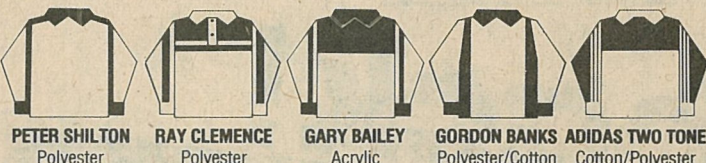
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GOAL-RUSH

BIGGEST win in this Round since the Football League's 1888 formation: Preston North End 18, Reading 0 in 1893-94.

COBBLERS CRUNCH

NORTHAMPTON TOWN have failed to reach the Third Round in any of the last 11 seasons — the longest such current spell of its kind by any Football League club.

SIX OF THE BEST

BEST Third Round individual scoring feats in this century: Six goals each by George Hillsdon (Chelsea) v. Workop Town in 1907-8 and Ronnie Rooke (Fulham) v. Bury in 1938-39.

PRIDE OF PALACE

VIEWED by many as the most sensational Cup win of all time was Crystal Palace's 1-0 victory at Newcastle on January 12, 1907. United were First Division Champions that season, and Palace finished last but one in the Southern League.

THE all-time record for the most sending-off cases on any day in the Cup was set up on January 9, 1915. Eight were dismissed.

SHEFFIELD SLUMP

ON April 14, 1911, Sheffield United lost to Darlington (North-Eastern League) and Sheffield Wednesday to Coventry City (Southern League) — the only case in history of two First Division teams of the same provincial city or town both being beaten at home in the same round of the F.A. Cup on the same day by non-League sides.



SUNDAY SOCCER

A NATIONAL emergency caused by industrial troubles led to ties being played on Sunday for the first time in history on January 6, 1974. There were four ties — at Bolton, Bradford, Cambridge, and Nottingham Forest.

Bristol Rovers score against Nottingham Forest on Sunday, January 6, 1974, in the F.A. Cup Third Round.

LITTLE GIANT-KILLERS

SINCE World War One there have been only two cases of non-League teams winning away against First Division opponents — when Darlington (North-Eastern League) did so against Sheffield Wednesday in season 1919-20 and Wimbledon (Southern League) against Burnley in 1974-75.

TOFFEES LICKED

ON January 7, 1922, Everton (Division One) lost to Crystal Palace (Two) by 6-0 — the biggest Cup away win in history by a team of inferior League status to its victims.

GROUNDING

ON January 13, 1923, Workop Town (Midland League) drew away, 0-0, to First Division Spurs, sold the replay ground rights, remained in London over the weekend and crashed on the Monday by 9-0.

DAD'S DAY

JIMMY McCLELLAND scored all five goals in Middlesbrough's 5-1 defeat of Leeds United on January 8, 1926. On that day he became the father of a boy, Charles, who grew

up to be a Blackburn Rovers centre-forward.

ROCHDALE failed to reach the Third Round in any of 15 successive seasons starting in 1936-37 — an all-time record for any Football League club.

LOST BUT WON

CHARLTON ATHLETIC are the only club to have lost a Cup match, as distinct from a tie, and then to have reached the Final in the same season. In the 1945-46 two-leg competition they beat Fulham at home by 3-1, but lost away by 2-1, thus winning on aggregate.

LUCKY LONDON

OF the ten London clubs engaged in Round Three on January 11, 1947, only Crystal Palace (at Newcastle) travelled outside the capital. Brentford, Charlton Athletic, Chelsea, Fulham, Millwall, Q.P.R., Spurs, and West Ham all played at home, and Arsenal were at Chelsea.

THE only case on record of the same score between the same sides on the same ground in three successive seasons applying arose when Cardiff City won at Leeds by 2-1 in the Third Round in 1955-56, 1956-57, and 1957-58.

FANTASTIC FOUR

IAN LAWSON, aged 17, achieved a unique feat by scoring four goals for Burnley against Chesterfield on January 6, 1957. It was his debut in a first-class match.

THE longest Third Round journey travelled by any team arose twice when Newcastle United visited Plymouth Argyle in seasons 1954-55 and 1957-58.

THE worst Cup weather day in history arose on January 5, 1963. Nationwide snow and frost caused 29 of the 32 ties to be postponed, the only ones played being at Preston, Tranmere, and Plymouth.

REPLAY ROUT

IN season 1967-68 Reading forced a 0-0 draw at Maine Road, but lost at home to Manchester City by 7-0 — the biggest away win by any team in a replay.

NO other team in the land has gone as long as Ipswich Town without a Third Round defeat. Their last was a 1-0 home defeat by Manchester United in season 1969-70.

LONG PLAYERS

THE post War Third Round ties which have needed most meetings were those between Stoke City and Bury

(1954-55) and Arsenal and Sheffield Wednesday (1978-79) — four replays in each case.



This flying header from Frank Stapleton finally settled Arsenal's Third Round tie against Sheffield Wednesday in the fourth replay.

Paul Mariner, whose goal against Aston Villa last season extended Ipswich's Third Round run to eleven ties without defeat.



SHOOT F.A. CUP



**Ricky Villa, Spurs' 1981
F.A. Cup hero.**



**Ipswich's John Wark
tackles Peter Barnes of
Leeds.**



Trevor Francis
(Man. City)



Aberdeen star Gordon Strachan (red) is chased by Mark Fulton of St Mirren

F.A. Cup 3rd. Round
Scottish Cup 2nd. Round

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F.A. Cup Wins

Aston Villa 7, Blackburn Rovers 6, Newcastle United 6, Tottenham Hotspur 6, Arsenal 5, The Wanderers 5, WBA 5, Sheffield United 4, Bolton Wanderers 4, Manchester City 4, Manchester United 4, Wolves 4, Everton 3, Sheffield Wednesday 3, West Ham 3, Bury 2, Old Etonians 2, Preston North End 2, Nottingham Forest 2, Sunderland 2, Liverpool 2, Barnsley 1, Blackburn Olympic 1, Blackpool 1, Bradford City 1, Burnley 1, Cardiff City 1, Charlton Athletic 1, Chelsea 1, Clapham Rovers 1, Derby County 1, Huddersfield Town 1, Notts County 1, Old Carthusians 1, Oxford University 1, Portsmouth 1, Royal Engineers 1, Leeds United 1, Southampton 1, Ipswich 1.

F.A. Cup 4th. Round
Scottish Cup 3rd. Round

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F.A. Cup Finals

Since the War)

1946 Derby v Charlton (aet).....	4-1	1985 L'pool v Leeds (aet).....	2-1
1947 Charlton v B'ney (aet).....	1-0	1986 Everton v Sheff Wed.....	3-2
1948 Man Utd v Blackpool.....	4-2	1987 Spurs v Chelsea.....	2-1
1949 Wolves v Leicester.....	3-1	1988 WBA v Everton (aet).....	1-0
1950 Arsenal v Liverpool.....	2-0	1989 Man City v Leicester.....	1-0
1951 Newcastle v Blackpool.....	2-0	1970 Chelsea v Leeds (aet).....	2-1
1952 Newcastle v Arsenal.....	1-0	(after 2-2 draw)	
1953 Blackpool v Bolton.....	4-3	1971 Arsenal v L'pool (aet).....	2-1
1954 West Brom v Preston.....	3-2	1972 Leeds v Arsenal.....	1-0
1955 Newcastle v Man City.....	3-1	1973 Sunderland v Leeds.....	1-0
1956 Man Utd v Birmingham.....	3-1	1974 Liverpool v Newcastle.....	3-0
1957 Aston Villa v Man Utd.....	2-1	1975 West Ham v Fulham.....	2-0
1958 Bolton v Man Utd.....	2-0	1976 Soton v Man Utd.....	1-0
1959 Not'm For v Luton.....	2-1	1977 Man Utd v L'pool.....	2-1
1960 Wolves v Blackburn.....	2-0	1978 Ipswich v Arsenal.....	1-0
1961 Spurs v Leicester.....	2-0	1981 Arsenal v Man Utd.....	3-2
1962 Spurs v Burnley.....	3-1	1980 West Ham v Arsenal.....	1-0
1963 Man Utd v Leicester.....	3-1	1981 Spurs v Man City.....	3-2
1964 West Ham v Preston.....	3-2	(after 1-1 draw)	

F.A. Cup 5th. Round
Scottish Cup 4th. Round

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Scottish Cup Finals

(Since the War)

1947 Aberdeen v Hibernian.....	2-1	1966 Rangers v Celtic (0-0).....	1-0
1948 Rangers v Morton (1-1).....	1-0	1967 Celtic v Aberdeen.....	2-0
1949 Rangers v Clyde.....	4-1	1968 Dunfermline v Hearts.....	3-1
1950 Rangers v East Fife.....	3-0	1969 Celtic v Rangers.....	4-0
1951 Celtic v Motherwell.....	1-0	1970 Aberdeen v Celtic.....	3-1
1952 Motherwell v Dundee.....	4-0	1971 Celtic v Rangers (1-1).....	2-1
1953 Rangers v Aberdeen (1-1).....	1-0	1972 Celtic v Hibernian.....	6-1
1954 Celtic v Aberdeen.....	2-1	1973 Rangers v Celtic.....	3-2
1955 Clyde v Celtic (1-1).....	1-0	1974 Celtic v Dundee Utd.....	3-0
1956 Hearts v Celtic.....	3-1	1975 Celtic v Airdrie.....	3-1
1957 Falkirk v Kilm'rn ck (1-1).....	2-1	1976 Rangers v Hearts.....	3-1
1958 Celtic v Hibernian.....	1-0	1977 Celtic v Rangers.....	1-0
1959 St Mirren v Aberdeen.....	3-1	1978 Rangers v Aberdeen.....	2-1
1960 Rangers v Kilmarnock.....	2-0	1979 Rangers v Hibs (0-0, 0-0).....	3-2
1961 Dunfermline v Celtic (0-0).....	2-0	1980 Celtic v Rangers.....	1-0
1962 Rangers v St Mirren.....	2-0	1981 Rangers v Dundee Utd.....	4-1
1963 Rangers v Celtic (1-1).....	3-0	(0-0).....	(Scores in brackets first games)
1964 Rangers v Dundee.....	3-1		
1965 Celtic v Dunfermline.....	3-2		



Liverpool's Alan Hansen comes under pressure from Wolves striker Andy Gray.

Scottish Cup Wins

Celtic 26, Rangers 24, Queen's Park 10, Hearts 5, Clyde 3, Vale of Leven 3, Aberdeen 2, Dunfermline 2, Falkirk 2, Hibernian 2, Kilmarnock 2, Renton 2, St Mirren 2, Third Lanark 2, Airdrie 1, Dumbarton 1, Dundee 1, East Fife 1, Morton 1, Motherwell 1, Partick 1, St Bernard's 1.

Dates of Rounds

F.A. Cup		Scottish Cup	
Third Round.....	January 2nd	Second Round.....	January 9th
Fourth Round.....	January 23rd	Third Round.....	January 13th
Fifth Round.....	February 13th	Fourth Round.....	February 13th
Sixth Round.....	March 6th	Fifth Round.....	March 6th
Semi-Finals.....	April 3rd	Semi-Finals.....	April 3rd
Final.....	May 22nd	Final.....	May 22nd



Bob Latchford (Swansea).



Frank Stapleton of Man. Utd. and Paul Dyson of Coventry.



Rangers celebrate their Scottish Cup Final success last season.



Cup Oops!

The F.A. Cup has produced many shocks over the years. Here, we spotlight some of them.



Enfield players celebrate their F.A. Cup Third Round replay success against Port Vale (above, left) last season. Hereford (above, light shirt) caused a stir when they held First Division West Ham to a 1-1 draw at Edgar Street in 1973-74.

One of the biggest upsets of all time was Colchester's 3-2 win against mighty Leeds (light strip) in 1971.



Liverpool's Scotland star Graeme Souness (then with Middlesbrough) heads for goal in an F.A. Cup tie against Wycombe Wanderers in 1975 (above) which went to a replay before Boro won. Renowned Cup fighters Altrincham (below, dark strip) held Spurs to a 1-1 draw in 1978-79.

F.A. CUP WALLCHART 1982

WE publish the first section of a two-part wallchart on pages 24-25 of this issue. Cut out and keep a round by round record of England and Scotland's major Cup competitions in SHOOT'S fabulous "F.A. CUP WALLCHART 1982". Whether you live in England or Scotland, fill in the results of rounds as they apply to the competition you support. Next week we publish the final part of the wallchart, offering you the chance to fill in results and the names of players appearing in the Semi-Finals and Finals of the two great competitions.



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- 1) Too many other attractions on a Saturday,
- 2) The high cost of attending matches, and
- 3) Hooliganism.

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- The standard of football at some grounds also has something to do with it.

Pen-pal

I'D like to correspond with British football fans, especially if they are Brighton or Arsenal supporters.

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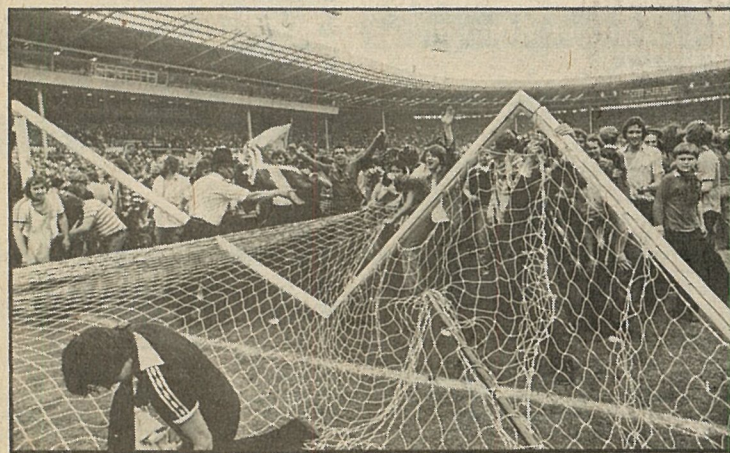
No Scottish hooliganism

I'M tired of hearing about the totally biased and ignorant comments from the English about the so-called Scottish hooligans.

I have been to the England/Scotland match at Wembley the past four times and I can honestly say (however unbelievable it may seem to the English) I have never seen ONE incident that could be classed as hooliganism.

DUNCAN DRUMMON,
HUYTON.

- I'm trying to think of a word to describe the scenes from 1977 (below) — but hooliganism keeps coming to mind.



This week's Star Letter comes from Peter Jardine of Glasgow, who wins our Special Prize of £10. He writes:

SUPERB GREIG

IT seems that "let's criticise Rangers" time is here again, as two recent letters in SHOOT prove.

Tom McGown commented: "I know I speak for all the Rangers fans when I ask the directors to take the required action before a great club is ruined." Rubbish!

John Greig is a superb tactician who can size up a game in a few moments. His masterful decision in the League Cup Final to replace injured youngster Gordon Dalziel with Ian Redford paid huge dividends when Redford scored a last minute winner.

As was recently reported in the Rangers News, a publication bought by all us true Rangers fans, the recent Final was Rangers fifth major Final out of seven under John Greig.

In 1981 Rangers have won the Scottish Cup and now the League Cup, not bad for a team that "barely hold its own in the Premier Division."

- What has upset Rangers fans is not so much lack of success (because the Light Blues have been successful in Cups, if not the League), but the way the team has played.

Mascot madness

A READER from Scotland criticised their 1982 World Cup mascot, Sandy.

The English Press and fans had harsh words to say about Bulldog Bobby, the fearsome-looking England mascot.

Then Northern Ireland reveal that their mascot smokes.

If they can't even get their mascots right, what hope do they have on the field?

TONY LONGMAN,
LONDON.

- What sort of mascots would readers have liked to have seen for their countries?

Wolves disgrace

I THINK it's a disgrace to football the way Wolves are treating the John Barnwell crisis.

If the players really do want him to stay on as manager, which I can truly understand, then by all means go ahead and tell the directors, but PRIVATELY.

Don't bring it into the media and blacken the face of English football by arguing in public.

PATRICK SPENCE,
FULHAM.

- By making it public the Wolves players made it known they're right behind Barnwell, thus putting their fans in the picture. All credit to them.



Lay off Bruce

I AM a Liverpool supporter and I am absolutely appalled by the totally unjustified criticism levelled at goalkeeper Bruce Grobbelaar.

Having to follow Ray Clemence must have been a daunting task but I think he's done a good job so far — considering he's only been with the club since March and has had hardly any time to settle in with the Liverpool system.

Every goalkeeper must find it difficult to settle in a new team so for goodness sake give the lad a chance — it's going to take a little time but he's got the makings of an excellent goalkeeper.

S. JONES,
LOWER INCE.

- It isn't easy following a legend like Ray Clemence. Read what Bruce has to say on page 39.

End this penalty farce

GORDON STRACHAN'S failure to convert from the penalty spot against Hamburger SV cost Aberdeen their place in Europe, for they travelled to Germany for the second leg with only a 3-2 lead.

I don't blame the exciting young Scot, however. I blame the crazy rule whereby a defender can handle the ball and prevent an obvious goal and get away with it.

A penalty goal should be automatically awarded and a booking made for such blatant infringements of the rules. No penalty kick should be necessary.

That would put an end to such gamesmanship.

G. H. HOLYOAK,
COYLTON.

- What happens when a ball appears to be going in the goal and is handled? It's the same for both teams and while such ungentlemanly conduct is not to be condoned, I'm not in favour of tampering with the rules.

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World Cup first

Now that England have qualified for Spain, I'd like to know who scored their first-ever World Cup goal?

JONATHAN HORNER,
WAKEFIELD

- Although the World Cup kicked-off in 1930, Jonathan, it wasn't until the first post-war competition that England took part.

Then the normal British Championship was taken as our qualifying group — in which England's first match was a 4-1 win over Wales in Cardiff on 15th October, 1949.

Jackie Milburn scored a hat-trick — but it was Stan Mortensen who, after 20 minutes, scored England's first goal in any match counting as a World Cup tie.

"Morty", too, scored England's first goal in any Final stages — in the 2-0 defeat of Chile in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, on 15th June, 1950.

International goals

Which player has scored the most goals in an international at Wembley?

NIGEL HILL,
HALESOWEN

- Fulham manager Malcolm MacDonald is your man there, Nigel.

He scored all England's goals in their 5-0 victory over Cyprus in a European Championship tie on 16th April, 1975.

"Supermac" is followed by Dennis Wilshaw, who scored four times in England's 7-2 defeat of Scotland on 2nd April, 1955.

No entry

Having read about Q.P.R. almost pulling out of the F.A. Cup because of their controversial artificial "Omniurf" pitch, I've also heard they did once really miss competing. Is that true?

TIM FAIRCLOUGH,
HARROGATE

- It is, Tim — in the 1926-27 season — though for an entirely different, and highly embarrassing, reason that they forgot to send in their entry in time!

Mind you, Rangers weren't the only League club to have dropped that kind of clanger — Sheffield Wednesday were too late with their entry back in 1886-87.

SHORT PASSES

- Frank Stapleton scored 75 goals in 225 League games for Arsenal before his move to Manchester United in August, 1981.

(LEE THIAM HOE, Singapore)

- Dumbarton were Scottish League Champions in 1891-92; and joint-Champions with Rangers (after a 2-2 draw in a deciding match) the previous season.

(GORDON WARD, Bootle)

Short Passes are replies to readers' letters.

YOU ARE THE REF

compiled by Keith Hackett



1

Having taken a kick-off which sticks in the mud, a player kicks the ball again before anybody else has played it. Should you:
(a) allow play to continue, or
(b) award an indirect free-kick?



2

A team are prevented from taking a quick free-kick by an opponent who rushes up to the ball as soon as you have whistled for the infringement. Should you:
(a) take no action,
(b) wait for the opponent to move away, or
(c) caution the opponent?



3

From a corner-kick the ball hits a goalpost and rebounds directly back to the kicker, who crosses again. Should you (a) award an indirect free-kick, or (b) wave play on?



MATCH POINT

One of the most important people in the game of football is the linesman. Perhaps his greatest asset is the fact that he is always up with play, so not only is he ideally placed to spot offside offences, he can also judge if an infringement has been committed during a quick break. The linesman is often crucial in determining if an offence occurred inside the penalty area. If a penalty is his verdict, the linesman will signal this by standing with his flag across his chest. He is also essential in checking that corners, free-kicks and throws are taken from the right place, and is normally used to check a 'keeper' is on his line at the taking of a penalty and that the ball has crossed the line. On top of all this, the linesman must always be alert to spot any incidents which take place behind the ref's back, and in senior games there must always be a senior linesman ready to take control if the ref is suddenly injured or unable to carry on. Quite a job!

ANSWERS:

1. Award an indirect free-kick (b). Another player must touch the ball before the kicker is allowed to play it again. 2. Caution the opponent (c). The player has played the ball taking of a corner. 3. Referee must act quickly to spot this infringement. If firm action is

LINE-UPS... RESULTS

Saturday, Nov. 28

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Fourth Division

ALDRSHOT (2) 2 (Scott, Lucas)	1,878
TRANMERE (0) 1 (Brown)	
BOURNEMOUTH 0	
SHEFFIELD UTD 0	9,885
BURY (0) 0	
HULL (0) 2 (MacLaren, Roberts (G))	4,508
CREWE (0) 1 (Palios)	
YORK (0) 1 (Walwyn)	1,881
DARLINGTON (1) 1 (Speedie)	
COLCHESTER (1) 2 (Cowling, Moss)	1,396



Darlington's David Speedie

HALIFAX (1) 1 (Graham)	
SCUNTHORPE (1) 2 (Cowling, Moss)	1,396
MANSFIELD (1) 2 (Wood, Lumby)	
HEREFORD (1) 1 (White)	1,898
PETERBOROUGH (1) 1 (Kellock)	
NORTHAMPTON (0) 0	5,293
PORT VALE (1) 5 (Moss 2, Chamberlain (M), Chamberlain (N), Armstrong)	
HARTLEPOOL (0) 2 (Howard, Hogan)	2,477
ROCHDALE (1) 1 (Hilditch)	
WIGAN (1) 1 (Bradd)	2,765
STOCKPORT (2) 2 (Fowler, Power)	
TORQUAY (0) 1 (Cox)	1,800
Postponed — Blackpool v Bradford	

Scottish League Cup Final

DUNDEE UTD (0) 1 (Milne)	
RANGERS (0) 2 (Cooper, Redford)	
(at Hampden Park) 53,777	
Dundee Utd: McAlpine, Holt, Stark, Narey, Hegarty, Phillip, Bannan, Milne, Kirkwood, Sturrock, Dodds.	
Rangers: Stewart, Jardine, Miller, Stevens, Jackson, Bett, Cooper, Johnstone, Russell, MacDonald, Dalziel (Redford).	

Scottish Premier

ABERDEEN 0	
AIRDRIE 0	8,006
Aberdeen: Leighton, Kennedy, McMaster, Watson, McLeish, Miller, Bell (Simpson), Cooper, McGhee, Harrow (Black), Weir.	
Airdrie: Martin, Erwin, McKeown, Rodger, Walker, March, McCluskey, McGuire, Clark, Anderson, Gordon.	

DUNDEE (2) 4 (Bell, Mackie, Sinclair, Ferguson)	
MORTON (1) 1 (Hutchison)	3,780
Dundee: Geddes, Barr, McLelland, Fraser, Glennie, McDonald, Ferguson, Bell, Mackie, Cameron, Murphy.	
Morton: Baines, Houston, McLaughlin, Holmes, Docherty, Orr, Cochrane, Flaven, McNeill, Hutchison, Ritchie.	

HIBS 0	
ST. MIRREN 0	4,750
Hibs: McArthur, Sneddon, Schaedler, Brazil, Paterson, Callaghan, Flavel, Duncan, Rae, Murray, MacLeod.	
St. Mirren: Thomson, McCormack, Beckett, Fitzpatrick, Fulton, Copland, Richardson, Somner, Bone, Abercrombie, McAvennie.	

PARTICK (0) 0	
CELTIC (1) 2 (McCluskey, Provan)	17,750
Partick: Rough, Murray, Whittaker, Anderson, Dunlop, McDonald, Doyle, Park (McDowall), Watson, Johnston, Clark (Lapsley).	
Celtic: Bonner, Moyes, Reid, Sullivan, McAdam, Aitken, Conroy, MacLeod, Provan, McGarvey, McCluskey.	

Scottish First

DUMBARTON (1) 3 (Blair, McGowan, Dunlop)	
HEARTS (0) 1 (Marinello)	1,000
FALKIRK (1) 3 (Oliver, Mackin, Herd)	
CLYDEBANK (0) 0	1,200
KILMARNOCK (1) 2 (Eadie, Gallagher)	
E. STIRLING (0) 0	1,400
MOTHERWELL (2) 6 (Forbes, Rafferty, Gahagan, McLaughlin, Irvine 2)	
DUNFERMLINE (1) 1 (McNaughton)	3,581
QoS (1) 2 (Cloy pen, Phillip)	
HAMILTON (1) 4 (Brown 2, Fairlie, Wilson)	1,000

RAITH (0) 0	
ST. JOHNSTONE (2) 4 (Morton, Brogan 3)	1,800

Scottish Second

ALBION (1) 1 (Evans)	
STIRLING (0) 0	250
ALLOA (2) 4 (Holt 2, Grant, McComb)	
MEADOWBANK (1) 3 (Conroy, Jobson, Boyd)	550
BRECHIN (1) 3 (Graham, Elvin, Paterson)	
STRANRAER (0) 0	300
CLYDE (1) 3 (O'Neill, Niven, Rae)	
MONTROSE (0) 0	480
COWDENBEATH (1) 2 (Liddell, Marshall)	
BERWICK (0) 1 (Lawson)	500
FORFAR (1) 1 (McPhee)	
E. FIFE (0) 0	908
STENHOUSEMUIR (0) 1 (Jack)	
ARBROATH (2) 3 (Robb, Yule, Shaw)	300

Monday, November 30

F.A. Cup

(First Round replay)

PORT VALE 0	
LINCOLN 0	AET 4,769
(First Round second replay)	

HULL (0) 1 (MacLaren)	
ROCHDALE (0) 0	AET 3,268

Tuesday, Dec. 1

UEFA Cup

(Third Round first leg)

WINTERSLAG 0	
DUNDEE UTD 0	10,000
Winterslag: De Bruyne, Houben, Billen, Ven Lessen, Lambrecht, Albertsen, Thys, Tenter, Berger, Weiss, Van Woerkum.	
Dundee Utd: McAlpine, Holt, Stark, Phillip, Hegarty, Narey, Bannan, Milne, Gough, Sturrock, Dodds.	

League Cup

(Third Round, second replay)

WEST HAM (0) 0	
WBA (0) 1 (Regis)	24,503
West Ham: Parkes, Stewart, Lampard, Bonds, Martin, Devonshire, Neighbour, Goddard, Cross (Allen), Brookling, Pike.	
WBA: Grew, Batson, Statham, King, Wile, Robertson, Jol, Brown, Regis, Owen, Mackenzie.	

(Fourth Round)

ARSENAL 0	
LIVERPOOL 0	37,917
Arsenal: Jennings, Hollins, Sansom, Talbot, O'Leary, Whyte, McDermott (Hankin), Sunderland, Davis, Nicholas, Rix.	

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LINE-UPS...RESU

Liverpool: Grobbelaar, Neal, Lawrenson, Thompson, Kennedy (R), Hansen, Dalglish, Whelan, Rush (Johnson), McDermott, Souness.

WATFORD (1) 4 (Taylor 2, Armstrong, Blissett) **QPR (0) 1** (Stainrod pen) 18,276
Watford: Sherwood, Rice, Pritchett, Taylor, Terry, Bolton, Callaghan, Blissett, Jenkins, Jackett, Barnes (Armstrong).
QPR: Burridge, Gregory, Fenwick, Waddock, Howe, Roeder, Hazell (Micklewhite), Flanagan, Sealy, Stainrod, Gillard.

WIGAN (1) 1 (Houghton)
ASTON VILLA (0) 2 (Cowans pen, Withe) 15,362
Wigan: Tunks, McMahon, Cribble, Wignall (Wright), Bradd, Methven, Sheldon, Barrow, Quinn, Houghton, Evans.
A. Villa: Rimmer, Swain, Gibson, Evans, Williams, Deacy, Bremner, Shaw, Withe, Cowans, Morley.

Wednesday, Dec. 2

League Cup

(Third Round replay)

BRADFORD CITY (1) 2 (Ingham, Gallagher pen) **IPSWICH (1) 3** (O'Callaghan, Muhren, Turner) AET 13,518
Bradford: Ramsbottom, Podd, Watson, Ingham, Jackson, Wood, Gallagher, Staniforth, Campbell, McNiven, Ellis.
Ipswich: Cooper, Burley, McCall, Mills, Osman, Butcher, Wark, Muhren, O'Callaghan, Brazil (Turner), D'Avray.

(Fourth round)

BARNLEY (0) 1 (Aylott) 33,792
MAN CITY (0) 0
Barnley: Horn, Joyce, Chambers, Glavin, Banks, McCarthy, Evans, Riley, Aylott, McHale, Barrowclough.
Man. City: Corrigan, Ranson, McDonald, Reid, Bond, Caton, Tueart, Reeves, Boyer, Hartford, Hutchison.



Barnley's Ray McHale clears from Phil Boyer of Man. City in the League Cup.

NOTTM FOREST (0) 2 (Wallace, Roeber) 12,244
TRANMERE (0) 0
Nottm. Forest: Shilton, Anderson, Gray, Proctor, Fairclough, Gunn, Roeber (Mills), Wallace, Fashanu, Walsh, Robertson.
Tranmere: Endersby, Mungall, Burgess, Mountfield, Bramhall, Morley, Hamilton, Hutchinson, Williams, Brown, Griffiths.

TOTTENHAM (1) 1 (Hazard) 30,214
FULHAM (0) 0
Tottenham: Clemence, Hughton, Miller, Roberts, Hazard, Perryman, Ardiles, Archibald, Galvin, Hoddle, Crooks.
Fulham: Peyton, Hopkins, Strong, O'Driscoll, Brown, Gale, Davies, Wilson, Coney, O'Sullivan, Lewington.

F.A. Cup

(First Round, second replay)

PORT VALE (0) 2 (Armstrong, Chamberlain (N)) **LINCOLN (0) 0** 5,373

Third Division

CHESTER (0) 1 (Cooke) 1,555
DONCASTER (0) 1 (Snodin)

Friday, Dec. 4

Second Division

CARDIFF (1) 1 (Micallef) 5,515
DERBY (0) 0
Cardiff: Healey, Grapes, Gilbert, Maddy, Pontin, Bennett (G), Bennett (D), Micallef, Stevens, Hughes, Lewis.
Derby: Jones, Osgood, Richards, Buckley, Sheridan, Powell, Coop, Hector (Skivington), Wilson, Swindlehurst, Emson.

Fourth Division

COLCHESTER (1) 2 (Allinson, Noble (og)) **BLACKPOOL (1) 1** (Bamber) 3,875

Saturday, Dec. 5

First Division

BIRMINGHAM (1) 2 (Evans 2 (1 pen)) 11,914
NOTTS COUNTY (1) 1 (McCulloch)
Birmingham: Coton, Langan, Dennis, Curbishley, Van Den Hauwe, Broadhurst, Dillon, Whatmore, Evans, Gemmill, van Mierlo.
Notts Co: Avramovic, Benjamin, O'Brien, Hunt, Kilcline, Richards, Chiedozi, Goodwin, McCulloch, Hooks, Mair.

BRIGHTON (1) 2 (Smith, Ritchie) 14,251
SUNDERLAND (1) 1 (Ritchie)
Brighton: Moseley, Shanks, Nelson, Grealish, Foster, Gating, Ryan, Smith, Robinson (Ritchie), McNab.
Sunderland: Siddall, Venison, Munro (Chisholm), Elliott, Clarke, Ritchie, Buckley, McCoist, Bowyer, Pickering, Cummins.

EVERTON (0) 3 (Sharp, O'Keefe 2) 23,860
SWANSEA (0) 1 (Latchford)
Everton: Arnold, Stevens, Ratcliffe, Walsh, Lyons, Kendall, McMahon, Ross, Sharp, Biley, O'Keefe.
Swansea: Davies, Robinson, Hadziabdic, Rajkovic, Irwin, Mahoney, Curtis, James (R), James (L), Thompson (Stanley), Latchford.

MANCHESTER CITY (0) 1 (Tueart) 32,487
ASTON VILLA (0) 0
Man. City: Corrigan, Ranson, McDonald, Reid, Bond, Caton, Tueart, Reeves, Francis, Hartford, Hutchison.
Aston Villa: Rimmer, Swain, Gibson, Evans, Williams, Deacy, Bremner, Shaw, Withe, Cowans, Morley.

MIDDLESBROUGH (0) 0 13,577
IPSWICH (1) 1 (D'Avray)
Middlesbrough: Platt, Nattrass, Bolton, Ross, Baxter, McAndrew, Cochrane, Otto, Woof (Ashcroft), Hodgson, Thomson.
Ipswich: Cooper, Burley, McCall, Mills, Osman, Butcher, Wark, Muhren, D'Avray, Turner, Parkin.

NOTTM FOREST (0) 0 24,521
LIVERPOOL (0) 2 (Lawrenson, Kennedy (R))
Nottm. Forest: Shilton, Mills, Gray, Proctor, Anderson, Gunn, Roeber, Wallace, Fashanu, Walsh, Robertson.
Liverpool: Grobbelaar, Neal, Lawrenson, Thompson, Kennedy (R), Hansen, Dalglish, Whelan, Rush, McDermott, Souness.

SOUTHAMPTON (2) 3 (Moran, Keegan, Armstrong) 24,404
MANCHESTER UTD (1) 2 (Stapleton, Robson)
Southampton: Katalinic, Golac, Holmes, Williams, Nicholl, Waldron, Keegan, Channon, Moran, Armstrong, Ball.
Man. Utd.: Roche, Gidman, Albiston, Wilkins, Moran, McQueen, Robson, Birtles, Stapleton, McIlroy, Moses.

STOKE (0) 1 (Heath) 13,901
LEEDS (2) 2 (Graham, Hamson)
Stoke: McManus, Evans, Doyle, Dodd, Hampton, Johnson, Bracewell, Heath, O'Callaghan, Chapman, Griffiths.
Leeds: Lukic, Cherry, Hart, Burns, Gray (F), Hird, Hamson, Stevenson, Harris, Butterworth, Graham.

TOTTENHAM (1) 1 (Hazard) 28,073
COVENTRY (1) 2 (Hunt, Gillespie)
Tottenham: Clemence, Hughton (Villa), Miller, Roberts, Hazard, Perryman, Ardiles, Archibald, Galvin, Hoddle, Crooks.
Coventry: Blyth, Thomas, Roberts, Jacobs, Dyson, Gillespie, Hendrie, Daly (Kaiser), Thompson, Hateley, Hunt.

WBA (0) 3 (Regis 2, Whitehead) 23,378
WOLVES (0) 0
WBA: Grew, Batson, Statham, Whitehead, Wile, Robertson, Jol (King), Brown, Regis, Owen, Mackenzie.
Wolves: Bradshaw, Palmer, Humphrey (Birch), Daniel, Gallagher, Berry, Matthews, Eves, Gray, Richards, Brazier.

WEST HAM (0) 1 (Pearson) 33,833
ARSENAL (2) 2 (Whyte, Hollins pen)
West Ham: Parkes, Stewart, Lampard, Bonds, Martin, Devonshire, Barnes (Banton), Pearson, Cross, Brookling, Allen.
Arsenal: Jennings, Robson, Sansom, Talbot, O'Leary, Whyte, Hollins, Sunderland, Davis, Nicholas, Rix.

Second Division

BARNLEY (0) 2 (Glavin 2) 5,515
CRYSTAL PALACE (0) 0
Barnley: Horn, Joyce, Chambers, Glavin, Banks, McCarthy, Evans, Riley, Aylott, McHale, Barrowclough.
C. Palace: Barron, Galliers, Boulter, Murphy, Cannon, Lovell, Brooks, Smillie, Langley, Mabbutt, Hilaire.

BOLTON (0) 1 (Hoggan) 6,076
QPR (0) 0
Bolton: McDonagh, Whitworth, Bailey, Henry, Jones, Gowing, Chandler, Foster, Carter, Cantello, Hoggan.
QPR: Burridge, Gregory, Fenwick (Burke), Waddock, Howe, Roeder, Micklewhite, Flanagan, Sealy, Stainrod, Gillard.

CAMBRIDGE (2) 2 (Taylor, Reilly) 3,172
WREXHAM (0) 3 (Edwards 2, Vinter)
Cambridge: Key, Donaldson, Murray, Christie (Smith), Fallon, O'Neill, Taylor, Spriggs, Mayo, Reilly, Gibbins.
Wrexham: Niedzwiecki, Jones, Bater, Dowman, Cegielski, Ronson, Fox, Hill, Edwards, Vinter, Carrodus.

CHELSEA (1) 2 (Hales, Lee) 17,033
SHEFFIELD WED (0) 1 (Bannister)
Chelsea: Francis, Wilkins (Brown), Hutchings, Hales, Droy, Pates, Bumstead, Lee, Walker, Fillery.
Sheff. Wed: Bolder, Sterland, Williamson, Smith, Shirriff, Taylor, Megson, Leman, Bannister, McCulloch (Hornsbly), Curran.

NEWCASTLE 0 18,721
BLACKBURN 0
Newcastle: Carr, Brownlie, Saunders, Trewick, Carney, Haddock, Brown (Shoulder), Martin, Varadi, Wharton, Waddle.
Blackburn: Gennoe, Branagan, Rathbone, Arnott, Keeley, Fazackerley, Miller, Stonehouse, Brown, Garner, Brotherston.

NORWICH 0 13,367
LEICESTER 0
Norwich: Woods, Symonds, Donachie, McGuire, Walford, Watson, Jack, Muzinic, Royle (Mendham), Bertschin, Bennett.
Leicester: Wallington, Williams, Leet, Peake, May, O'Neill, Lynex, Hebbard, Lineker, Wilson, Kelly.

OLDHAM (1) 3 (Heaton, Steel, Wyde pen) 5,907
GRIMSBY (1) 1 (Ford)
Oldham: McDonnell, Hoolickin, Ryan, Keegan, Clements, Futch, Wyde, Heaton, Steel, McDonough, Atkinson.
Grimsbly: Batch, Moore (D), Crombie, O'Dell (Drinkell), Wigginton, Moore (K), Brolly, Ford, Whymark, Mitchell, Cumming.

ROTHERHAM (1) 1 (Towner) 6,346
ORIENT (0) 0
Rotherham: Mountford, Forrest, Taylor, Rhodes, Stancliffe, Green, Towner, Gooding, Moore, Fern, Henson.
Orient: Day, Hughton, Cunningham, Taylor (T), Gray, Fisher, Godfrey, Silkman, Giles Margerrison, McNeil.

SHREWSBURY (2) 2 (Dungworth, Atkins) 5,259
LUTON (1) 2 (White, Donaghy)
Shrewsbury: Wardle, MacLaren, Johnson, Cross, Griffin, Keay, Tong, Dungworth, Atkins, McNally, Bates.
Luton: Judge, Stephens, Aizlewood, Horton, Goodyear, Donaghy, Hill (Antic), Stein, White, Fucillo, Moss.

WATFORD (2) 2 (Lohman, Taylor) 12,113
CHARLTON (0) 2 (Hales, Rice (og))
Watford: Sherwood, Rice, Pritchett, Taylor, Terry, Bolton, Callaghan, Blissett, Jenkins, Jackett, Lohman.
Charlton: Johns, Naylor, Ferns, Smith, Madden (Ambrose), Phillips, Elliott, Walsh, Hales, Berry, Robinson.

Third Division

BRISTOL ROVERS (0) 1 (Williams (B)) 4,489
FULHAM (1) 2 (Coney, Davies)

BURNLEY (0) 2 (Cassidy, Hamilton) 4,346
OXFORD (0) 1 (Brock)

CHESTER (0) 1 (Cooke) 1,388
SOUTHEND (0) 1 (Greaves)

DONCASTER 0 5,912
PORTSMOUTH 0

EXETER (0) 0 3,947
CHESTERFIELD (1) 3 (Bonnyman, Green, Wilson)

GILLINGHAM (0) 1 (White pen) 5,845
WALSALL (1) 4 (O'Kelly 2, Penn, Rees)

MILLWALL (1) 1 (Chatterton pen) 4,740
CARLISLE (1) 2 (Bannon 2)

PRESTON (1) 1 (Bruce) 4,162
BRENTFORD (1) 3 (Bowen 2, Johnson)

READING (1) 3 (Kearney, Webb pen, Earles) 2,973
LINCOLN (1) 2 (Cammack, Shipley pen)

SWINDON 0 6,949
BRISTOL CITY 0

WIMBLEDON (0) 2 (Clement, Lazarus) 2,056
NEWPORT (2) 3 (Tynan, Eisey, Waddle)

Fourth Division

BRADFORD (2) 2 (Jackson, McNiven) 4,875
PETERBOROUGH (0) 0

HARTLEPOOL (0) 1 (Newton) 1,760
BOURNEMOUTH (0) 1 (Heffernan)

HEREFORD 0 2,312
ROCHDALE 0

HULL (0) 1 (Mutrie) 3,184
CREWE (0) 0

NORTHAMPTON (0) 0 1,669
DARLINGTON (0) 1 (Walsh)

SCUNTHORPE 0 1,902
PORT VALE 0

SHEFFIELD UTD (0) 2 (Kenworthy, Neville) 11,541
ALDRSHOT (0) 0

TORQUAY (1) 1 (Brown) 2,386
BURY (0) 1 (Johnson)

TRANMERE (1) 2 (Hutchinson, Hamilton) 1,316
MANFIELD (0) 2 (Morgan 2)

WIGAN (0) 2 (Houghton, Bradd) 4,022
HALIFAX (0) 0

YORK (2) 2 (Walwyn, Kay) 1,762
STOCKPORT (2) 2 (Vaughan, Park)

Scottish Premier

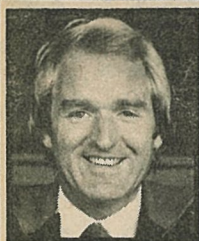
AIRDRIE (1) 2 (Anderson, Gordon) 14,500
RANGERS (1) 2 (MacDonald, Russell)
Airdrie: Martin, Cairney, Rodger, March, McCluskey (McKeown), Walker, Gordon, Anderson, McGuire, Clark, Flood.
Rangers: Stewart, Jardine, Miller, Stevens, Jackson, Russell, Bett, MacDonald, Dalziel, Johnstone (McKay), Cooper.

CELTIC (0) 3 (McGarvey 2, Conroy) 14,570
DUNDEE (0) 1 (Sinclair)
Celtic: Bonner, McGrain, Reid, Aitken, McAdam, Conroy, Provan, MacLeod, McCluskey, Burns, McGarvey.
Dundee: Blair, Barr, McLelland, Glennie, McDonald, Cameron, Fraser, Bell (Kidd), Sinclair, Ferguson, Mackie.

DUNDEE UTD (0) 1 (Bannon pen) 6,500
HIBS (0) 0
Dundee Utd: McAlpine, Holt, Murray, Gough (Malpas), Hegarty, Narey, Kirkwood, Bannon, Milne, Sturrock, Dods.
Hibs: McArthur, McLaren, Schaedler, Brazil, Paterson, Sneddon, Callachan, Rae, Murray, MacLeod, Duncan.



Arsenal's Chris Whyte turns in triumph after scoring his first League goal in the 2-1 win at West Ham.



Knighton's survival plan

KEN Knighton made Second Division survival his only priority when he moved in as manager of Orient.

And after two months in the job he is convinced he will achieve it.

That's the news O's fans most want to hear after a depressing first half of the season.

They began to fear the worst and the spectre of the Third Division was looming large after internal upheaval.

First Jimmy Bloomfield quit the club because he felt he was not consulted over the sale of John Chiedozie to Notts County.

Paul Went was appointed in his place — and shunted out in less than three weeks, with Orient stuck firmly at the bottom of the table.

Orient turned to Knighton — who had received a real stab in the back when Sunderland sacked him after he had won them promotion to the First Division.

He did not allow that experience to sour him in any way and set briskly about the business of reviving the ailing East London club.

And it did not take him long to find out that things were not as bad at Brisbane Road as he feared at first.

"Things looked much worse when I took over than they do now. So that has to be encouraging for all of us," Knighton said.

"It's very early days yet. But I've already seen enough to convince me we will hang on to our Second Division status. If we finish fourth off the bottom I'll be happy — and I'm sure we'll do that.

'Determination'

"We'll upset a few people along the way. But that's too bad — it's all part of the job."

That shows the single-mindedness and determination of Knighton — and new assistant manager Frank Clark — to make a real go of the job.

He believes in discipline, and one or two Orient players quickly found out what happens when you step out of line.

"They did not do things the way I wanted them done — and were

shocked when I hammered them with fines," said Knighton.

"I've had a great response from the lads in general and have been impressed with their attitude.

"Everyone is on their toes and buzzing about when a new manager comes in, because they don't know what to expect from him.

"I've been delighted with the way they have buckled down and have to make sure that burst of enthusiasm does not wear off. It's my job to keep it there all the time.

There's a hard core of good, experienced players here. I have changed the roles a couple of them had previously and I'm sure they can do their bit in pulling us out of trouble."

Knighton also quickly drafted in two teenagers who had caught his eye early on. Eighteen year-old Mark McNeil and Andy Sussex, a 17-year-old apprentice, were the ones to get an early break — and Knighton assures us there are a few more ready to step up.

Knighton admits it was the drive and ambition of Orient chairman Brian Winston that tempted him to work in London for the first time.

"I was impressed with Mr Winston from the moment I met him and football would be the better for having a few more like him," he says.

"He was the only reason I came here and I want to make Orient a force for him as much as anyone else."

18-year-old Mark McNeil has done well for Orient this season.



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'NO SLIP-UP THIS TIME'

says Luton's Brian Stein

IF Luton Town win promotion from the Second Division this season, then Brian Stein could be one of the most feared strikers in the First Division next term.

So says Stein's manager, David Pleat, who goes on: "Every year he has been with us he has shown an improvement."

"This season, he has become stronger, and his close control in the box has been causing opposing defences quite a few problems. He is doing well for us."

On that basis, South African-born Stein can be said to have arrived. But there is a difference between Stein and most of the other South Africans who have made some sort of impact on League soccer. Stein, like former England Test cricket Basil D'Oliveira, is a Cape coloured.

The Stein family had to get out of South Africa in a hurry. His father Isiah had outspoken views on apartheid and was constantly under arrest.

In 1967, Isiah had had enough. He moved the whole family — Brian has six brothers and two sisters — to London.

As defenders are beginning to realise, Stein is a thinking footballer. He has eight "O" levels and "A" levels in history and sociology. But his football education began when he was invited to sign for Luton in the autumn of 1977.

He had worked as a clerk and played for Edgware Town in the Athenian League, but admits that

he had doubts about turning professional.

"I had always wanted to be a professional," he says, "but at 19 I thought I was too old. Then I realised that if I let this opportunity go by, I might never get another one, and I had my academic qualifications to fall back on."

Brian made his debut in November, 1977, linked with "tutor" Bob Hatton, and has graduated with honours.

"I owe such a lot to Bob," says Brian. "I miss him now he's at Sheffield United."

'Tremendous'

"When we played together he always used to chat to me to stop me losing concentration. We built up a tremendous understanding."

For the past two seasons, Luton have been close to the First Division without clinching promotion. Brian believes that they will do it this time.

"We're basically a young side who have gained from the experience of the last couple of seasons. We've all been through it together and because of this we're determined to make it this time."

Many people have called us the best footballing side in the Second Division and that is a great compliment."

Stein, proven goal-taker with 18 last season, now regards England as his home. "It would be nice to win caps," he says. "But the great priority is getting Luton into the First Division."

Top scorer Madden aims for the top

THERE is no doubt over the identity of the League's top 'hit man' this season: 23-year-old Bury striker Craig Madden. The first three months of the season produced 23 goals, 17 of them in the League as Bury hit a promotion schedule.

"Because I didn't expect this to happen, it never crossed my mind to set targets for myself," says Craig. "But manager Jim Iley has done it for me. He says that he won't be satisfied if I don't have 30 in Fourth Division matches by the end of the season."

"The goals I've been scoring have certainly changed things for me. The publicity I've been getting means that defenders are becoming wary of me. The marking has become tighter — and very much harder."

'Determined'

"I take it as a compliment. If opposing defenders kick me that means they are worried about what I can do. I'm just determined to keep on scoring; all the way to the First Division with any luck. That is where I want to play."

What has happened in the career of this Manchester-born marksman to suddenly launch him as the League's most dangerous man?

"I've given that a great deal of thought," says manager Iley, "and there are two immediate answers as well as several less obvious to those who haven't seen him play."

"The first is that Craig had never known what it was like until this season to play in a winning team. The second comes down to having a regular place in the right position — you'll find him listed as midfielder in the record books."

"Let me elaborate on the winning team reason. Bury were relegated the season before last and the effect that had on a natural attacking player is crystal clear."

The struggle for the team as a whole was such that he had very few chances to shine as an individual.

"I took over at the start of the last season and there was so much sorting out to be done that Craig did not get the number of games he felt he deserved. And which, with hindsight, I realise he should have had."

"Once the sorting out was over however, he settled into the striker's role. Many of his games previously had been in midfield and that's no place for such a natural scorer. He goes in where it hurts, sticks them away with either foot and is a surprisingly good header for a lad of five feet eight inches."

Craig explains: "There were so many forwards at the club when I came into the first team squad that midfield was my only real opportunity. I didn't mind the going forward part... it was the racing back to help in defence that seemed all wrong!"

Now he is far less conspicuous in matches and freely admits: "I don't get involved nearly so much. I just prowl around and go for the chance the moment I see it."

Iley agrees. "Sometimes you wonder where he is. Then suddenly the ball is in the back of the opposition's net. People start asking 'Where did that come from? who scored it?' Invariably that is Craig doing his job."

"I've put in a lot of hard work to find this kind of form," says Craig. "Much of my training is concerned with shooting and giving that extra edge to goalmouth situations."

"The dividends are coming. I know I'm a sharper finisher and a better competitor now."



THIS is the time of year when people start talking about winter breaks during sport with games being called off at the last minute throughout the country because of the freezing conditions.

There are arguments for and against the motion, but I must agree with my manager, John Greig, and say that I don't really think that a shut down of, say, three months — December, January and February — would be a good thing for the game.

For a start, it would break the continuity of the season and I believe that would hamper teams severely.

Look at Dundee United. Their run in Europe has been quite amazing, but would it help them to go without match practice from now until they meet their next European opponents?

I know teams from behind the Iron Curtain have been caught cold — if you'll pardon the pun — in European ties because of their

'Don't shut down in Scotland'

enforced winter close down.

And I'm not forgetting about the most important man in football, the fan who pays the cash that keeps the game going.

Okay, it would be preferable to watch football in perfect surroundings all the time, but, let's face it, that is never going to happen in Britain.

Who can guarantee that the weather will be good in August or September? Goodness knows, I've watched and played in games in monsoon conditions when the weather forecasters have got it wrong again!

No, I think the weather is so unpredictable in Britain that you cannot legislate for the months when you think everything will be ideal for sport.

Rangers have shown clubs the way by getting underoil heating

Partick Thistle against Kilmarnock in the snow . . . a sight Ally is prepared to endure.

Aberdeen (dark strip) were knocked out of the U.E.F.A. Cup by Hamburger SV.

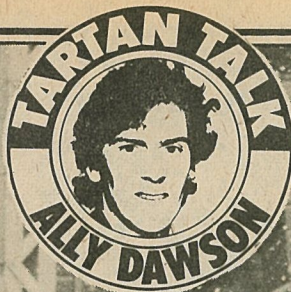
installed at Ibrox. The ground is fully modernised and, hopefully, we will be able to cope with any hazards that come our way.

Maybe, if other teams in Scotland showed the same sort of ambition in getting their grounds and pitches up to a higher standard there would be fewer cries for a winter close down.

Now, a swift change of subject. I had a wee laugh a few weeks ago when I was reading SHOOT and saw that my Tartan Talk colleague Danny McGrain was saying that England were lucky to qualify for Spain.

This is one occasion where a Rangers and Celtic player are not going to argue!

Yes, England got the breaks, but I must say I am happy to see them and Northern Ireland reaching the World Cup Finals. The more the merrier, I say.



I felt sympathy towards the Republic of Ireland and Wales who came so close to joining Scotland, England and Northern Ireland in the Spanish sunshine — you never know it might rain! — during the summer.

They were both desperately unlucky, weren't they? Still, three out of five isn't so bad.

On the European scene, it's grand to see Dundee United doing so well in the U.E.F.A. Cup. I travelled up with a friend on the evening they played Borussia Monchengladbach.

What a performance the United lads put on that night. They were simply dazzling as they rammed five goals into the West Germans' net. I swear if that game had lasted an extra half hour they would have

gone into double figures! They proved that was no fluke by doing the same against Winterslag in the next round.

All the best, United . . . I hope you go all the way.

By the same token, sympathy must be expressed to Aberdeen. They did wonderfully well before losing out to Hamburger SV, but I don't think the experience will have done teenagers such as Eric Black, John Hewitt and Neale Cooper any harm at all.

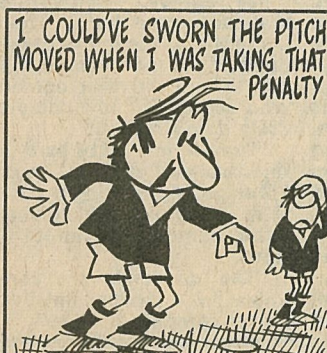
Envy

I must admit to a slight feeling of envy when I see clubs performing in Europe and we are on the outside looking in. Rangers want so much to re-establish our name in Europe and, hopefully, that will come next season.

Ally Dawson

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CLUB SPOTLIGHT

EMLYN Hughes has faced many nerve-jangling moments in a glittering career with England, Blackpool, Liverpool and Wolves.

Few have been more demanding than the challenge he has accepted in taking over as manager at Rotherham.

Some believe that Emlyn is on a hiding to nothing in trying to emulate the impressive feats of the highly acclaimed Ian Porterfield before his departure to Sheffield United six miles down the road.

Porterfield, hero of Sunderland's F.A. Cup winning team against Leeds United in 1973, left the club after steering Rotherham into the Second Division as Champions at the end of last season.

The celebrations were still going on at Millmoor when Porterfield was summoned

to Bramall Lane.

So Emlyn Hughes inherited a club riding high on the crest of a wave.

And nothing less than what Porterfield achieved will be good enough for The Millers fans.

At the time of writing Rotherham have just about consolidated themselves as a team to be respected if not feared in returning to a Second Division they have not graced since 1973.

A thumping 4-1 victory over Norwich on the opening day of the season, followed by an impressive League Cup victory at Darlington a few days later, was just the start Emlyn needed.

But since then Rotherham's form has been erratic. One of their better performances came at the end of October when Chelsea drew a 10,000 gate to Millmoor and Rodney Fern scored a hat-trick to send the London club slithering to a 6-0 defeat.

Fern and Ronnie Moore, who played more

than 200 League games for Tranmere and a further '56 for Cardiff' before signing for Rotherham for £95,000, have been in fine goalscoring form most of the season.

Moore had scored nine League and Cup goals by the end of November, confirming his pledge on arrival at Millmoor that he would score 20 goals a season. Twenty-five League and Cup goals in 1980-81 and his performances this season have sounded a warning among Second Division centre-halves when Moore is about.

Yet Emlyn Hughes is striving for the consistency that became second nature when he played for Liverpool. He has still to achieve his objective as they hold an unimpressive position in the table.

He has much to do to satisfy the Rotherham fans that he is a worthy replacement for Porterfield, who repaid the board's faith in granting him his first job in management by guiding them to promotion inside 18 months.

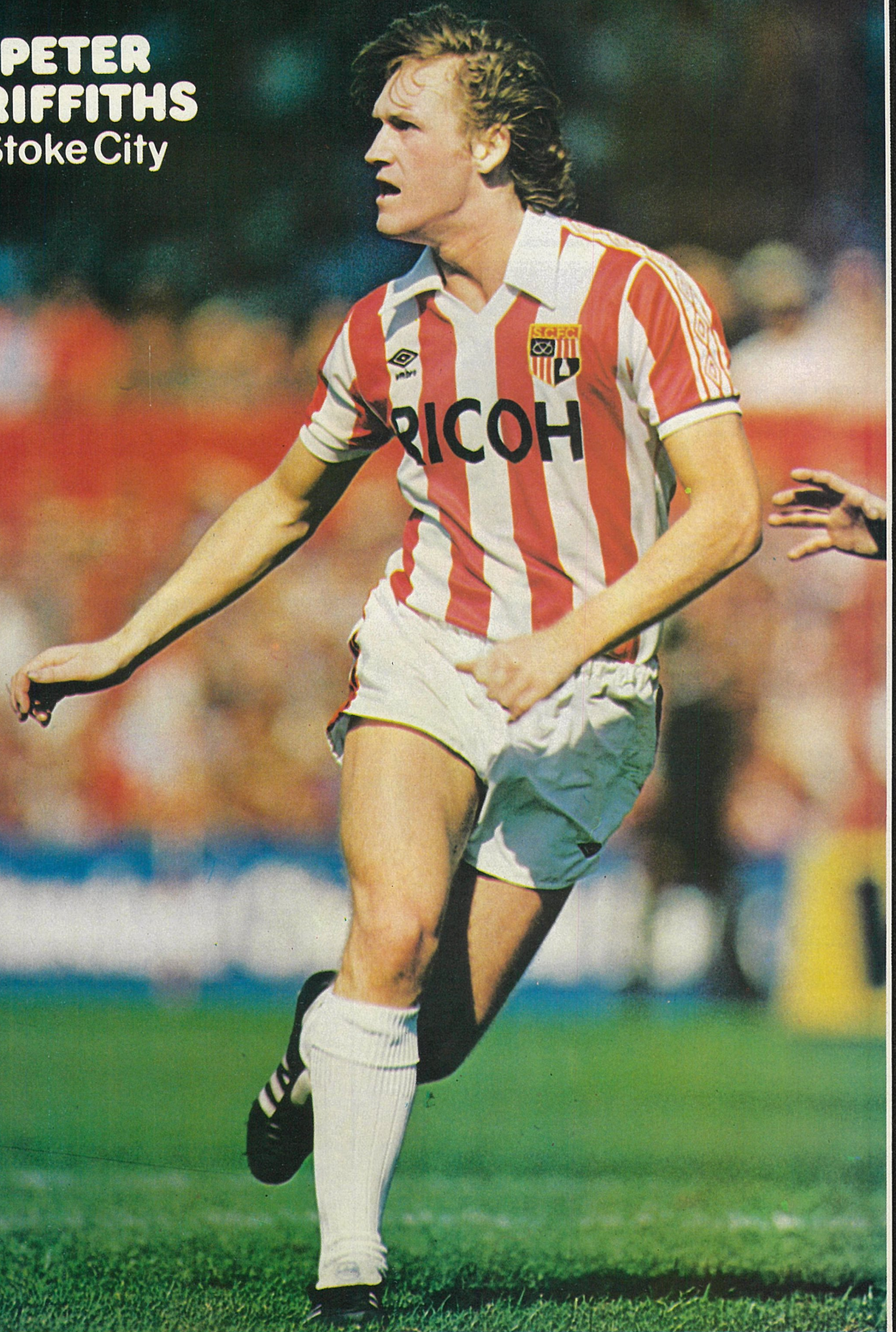
BACK ROW (left to right): Mark Rhodes, Rodney Fern, Ronnie Moore, Ray Mountford, Graham Brown, Phil Henson, John Seaman, Tony Townner, Barry Claxton (coach).
FRONT ROW: Richard Finney, Gerry Forrest, John Breckin, Jimmy Mullen, Paul Standcliffe, Mick Gooding.

The fans will take some convincing that the new boss' task is that much harder than Porterfield's, a situation which will not have escaped the notice of the board who have never experienced First Division football. The best season the club has known was 1954-55 when they came third in the Second Division.

It will be a long haul for Emlyn Hughes but there are few more determined men in the game than he as he demonstrated amply in a superb playing career.

SHOOT!

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SHOOT!

TAKE A BREAK IT'S QUIZ TIME

SCOTLAND IN EUROPE

As Britain's remaining representatives in the U.E.F.A. Cup, Aberdeen and Dundee United played their Third Round, second-leg games recently. See if you can answer the following questions about the two clubs.

1. After drawing 0-0 in Belgium, Dundee United thrashed Winterslag 4-0, 5-0 or 6-0 at Tannadice?
2. Can you name the United player who

grabbed two of the goals?

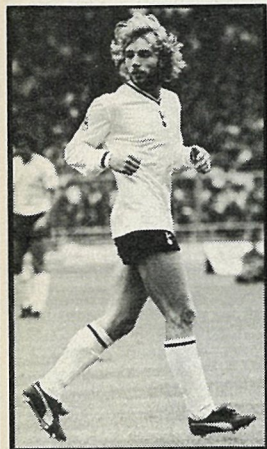
3. Aberdeen, winning 3-2 from the first-leg travelled to West Germany to play Hamburger SV. They lost 3-1 and were eliminated 5-4 on aggregate. Who was the former international who starred in the Hamburger defence?

4. Did Mark McGhee, Gordon Strachan or Peter Weir score The Dons' solitary goal?

LEAGUE CUP

The Fourth Round of the League Cup was played recently. Can you answer the following questions?

1. Liverpool beat Arsenal 3-0 in a replay at Anfield. Craig Johnston and Kenny Dalglish scored two of the goals... who scored the other?
2. Aston Villa progressed to the next round when they beat which Fourth Division club 2-1?
3. Barnsley pulled off a shock when they defeated Manchester City at Oakwell. Did Trevor Aylott score the only goal of the game in the first or second-half?



4. Did Steve Archibald (above), Garth Crooks or Mike Hazard score Tottenham's only goal in their 1-0 win against Fulham at White Hart Lane?

5. Nottingham Forest beat Torquay or Tranmere 2-0 at home or away?

ON THE BALL ANSWERS

ACROSS: (3) Golac. (4) Anfield. (11) Towell. (12) The. (14) Roma. (15) Need. (16) Neal. (17) Chin. (18) Dell. (20) Eves. (21) Eat (last letters). (22) Aloft. (23) Defends. (26) Price.
DOWN: (1) Woof. (2) Dare. (5) Newcastle. (6) Isle. (7) Latchford. (8) Stanley. (9) Bennett. (10) Power. (13) Peter. (19) Gate. (24) Farm. (25) Nice.

INTERNATIONALS

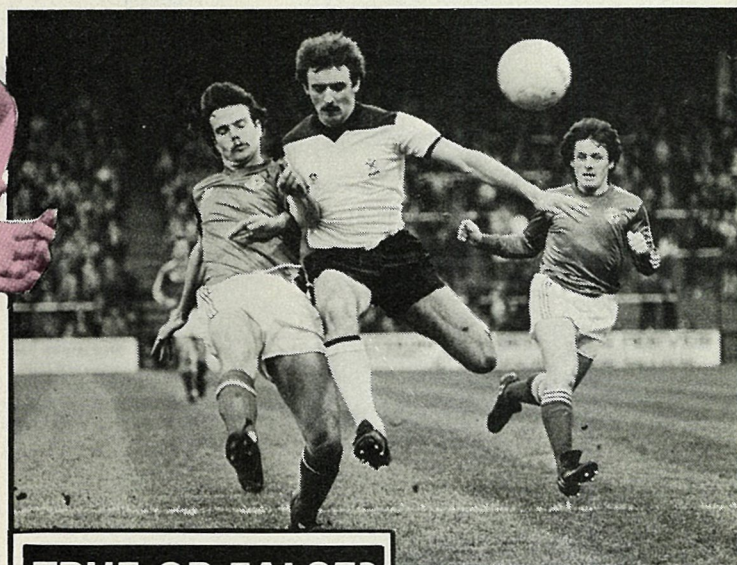
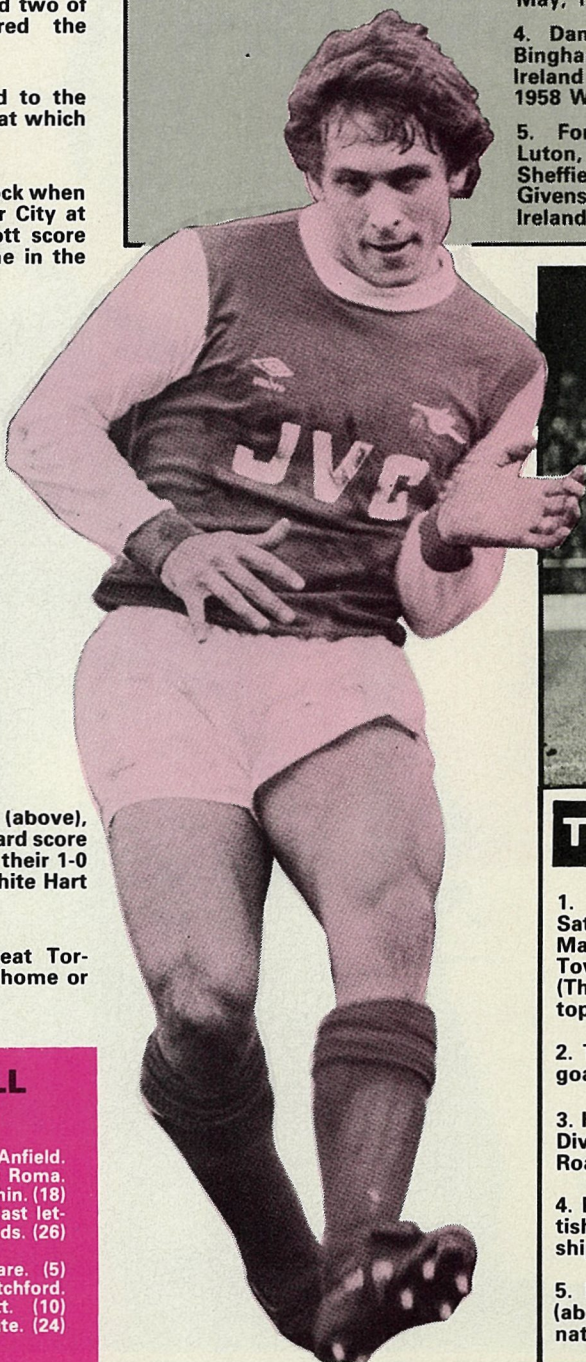
1. England's clash with Scotland this season will be the 100th. Which country has won the most?
2. Did Kenny Sansom (below) make his international debut for

England while a Crystal Palace or Arsenal player?

3. Celtic's Danny McGrain made his Scotland debut against Wales, Northern Ireland or England in May, 1973?

4. Danny Blanchflower or Billy Bingham was captain of Northern Ireland when they played in the 1958 World Cup Finals?

5. Former Manchester United, Luton, Q.P.R., Birmingham and Sheffield United striker Don Givens is an Eire or Northern Ireland international?



TRUE OR FALSE?

1. After the games played on Saturday, December 12, Manchester United (First), Luton Town (Second), Chesterfield (Third) and Colchester (Fourth) topped their respective Divisions.

2. Tarki Micallef has been scoring goals for Wrexham this season.

3. Hull City play their home Fourth Division games at Bloomfield Road.

4. Berwick Rangers won the Scottish Second Division Championship in 1978-79.

5. Fulham striker Gordon Davies (above, white strip) is a full international player for Scotland.

GROUND

1. Where was the 1978 European Cup Final between Liverpool and Bruges played?

2. Which British clubs play at (a) Dens Park, (b) Somerton Park, (c) Vetch Field and (d) Love Street?

3. They play in the Scottish First Division and are nicknamed Killie. Can you identify the club and their ground?

4. Where do (a) Carlisle United, (b) Shrewsbury and (c) Wigan Athletic play their home games?

5. Do Alloa, Albion Rovers or Ayr United play at Somerset Park?

ANSWERS:

4. McGhee.
RALPH MILNE. 3. Franz Beckenbauer.
SCOTLAND IN EUROPE. 1. 5-0. 2. True. 5. False — he is Welsh.
they play at Boothferry Park. 4. he is scoring for Cardiff. 3. False — TRUE OR FALSE. 1. True. 2. False — Hazard. 5. Tranmere at home.
LEAGUE CUP. 1. Terry McDermott. 2. Wigan Athletic. 3. Second. 4. Blanchflower. 5. Eire.
39 to 38. 2. Palace. 3. Wales. 4. INTERNATIONAL. 1. Scotland lead Springfield Park. 5. Ayr United.
Brunton Park. (b) Gay Meadow. (c) knock, who play at Rugby Park. 4. (a) Swansea. (d) St Mirren. 3. Kilmarnock. (b) Newport County. (c) Dundee. 1. Wembley. 2. (a) Dun-

LIVERPOOL could have ended 1981 on top of the World — as World Club Champions — but we threw away the chance in Tokyo against South American Champions Flamengo by putting on probably our worst performance in years.

Instead of going out with a bang, we went out with a whimper when we let down ourselves, our fans, our club and European football.

It was a tremendous disappointment to play for the World Club Championship for the first time ever and allow ourselves to be hit for three goals with no reply.

In retrospect we realise our big mistake. It was to permit the Brazilians to dictate the pace of the game with their slow, slow, quick, quick, slow. We should have shaken them by playing at our top speed.

Conditions perhaps suited them more: hot, sunny skies and a loose, sandy pitch. A big contrast to a cold, grey climate and mud.

In our defence, we did play better in the second-half, but the damage had been done by letting in two soft goals. Flamengo's third had a touch



Phil is unable to stop Flamengo scoring during their 3-0 World Club title win.

of the offside about it.

I was impressed by the array of talent in their team. Apart from the magical Zico, they have several players our clubs would like to kidnap.

When — not "if" — we compete for the trophy next time, with the eyes of the World on us, you'll see a more positive Liverpool armed with the lessons we've learned from our



PHIL THOMPSON
My soccer world

disastrous "debut".

I want to be again part of a team that brings a piece of silverware to the Anfield boardroom for its first visit!

Even though I only received the consolation prize of a loser's medal, I have the satisfaction of adding two of the winner's variety to my collection. For helping Liverpool capture the League Cup for the first time, and the European Cup for the third!

Domestically my biggest disappointment was missing out in the 1980-81 Championship.

'We let Liverpool down in Tokyo'

although our away game in Budapest eclipses it for sheer professional satisfaction.

Critics had written us off after losing the game against the Swiss in Basle, and we went out into the Nep Stadium under the fiercest pressure I can remember in my international career.

Everything seemed to click into place right from the kick-off. No one had a bad game. Trevor Brooking, with two tremendous goals, put on his best performance for England. At the finish, our 3-1 win was cheered by a small contingent of English supporters who throughout made enough noise for any army.

The "Old Brigade" grabbed most of the glory, but there's no doubt that manager Ron Greenwood will be leaning heavily on the youngsters — such as Bryan Robson, who has all the makings of another Bobby Charlton, Glenn Hoddle and Kenny Sansom — when it comes to doing well in the World Cup proper.

Looking forward to this year, I'd like to see Liverpool winning

'MY IMPOSSIBLE DREAM FOR '82'

I also suffered a succession of injuries. A couple of thigh strains — my own fault — a strained knee, and a broken collar bone caused through a collision last season with our former 'keeper Ray Clemence.

Injuries to many key players definitely cost Liverpool the title. A team without a settled side has no chance of coming out of 42 gruelling games with most points.

But every cloud has a silver lining, they say, and ours had a touch of the gold because so many of our reserves seized the chance to shine. Ian Rush and Ronnie Whelan, for instance, who are now blossoming into first team regulars.

Liverpool failed to live up to the expectations of many fans and most newspaper critics, who see signs of the club's fabulous success story coming to an end.

I still steam every time I read or hear my team has "gone", that it's set to make way for some other club. There's no way our management will allow any rot to set in. The policy of continually adding to the squad, replacing stars past their best, is certain to keep us on course for honours.

My "other" team, England, had a rocky ride to qualification for the World Cup Finals, but the important thing is we're going to be there in Spain.

Winning that cliffhanger against Hungary in our last game was a tremendous moment for me,

everything — naturally! — and England winning the World Cup. An impossible dream, but you learn that to be there when the honours are eventually dished out, you have to keep your sights high!

Liverpool's top priority is, of course, the Championship. But right now we're thinking about the F.A. Cup as we prepare for our Third Round tie against Swansea City this Saturday.

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Clough's birthday burst



WHEN Leeds United new boy Aidan Butterworth hit the only goal against Notts County on his 21st birthday neither he nor anybody else in soccer could have known that he added his name to those of a long list of star scorers who have enjoyed similar celebrations.

Take none other than Brian Clough. In April, 1959, he slammed in four goals for Middlesbrough against Swansea on his 24th birthday.

Then what about Trevor Francis? He hit the goal target for Birmingham against Luton in April, 1975. He was 21 that day.

Glenn Hoddle, too, got in on this act as Spurs scorer in a 1-0 win against Forest in October, 1979, on the day he reached 22.

Twice

Bob Latchford, now at Swansea, will never forget a January day in 1975, when, for Everton, he scored twice on the ground of his home and former club, Birmingham City. Yes, you're right — it was Bob's 24th birthday!

Then there's John Richards, who, on the November day in 1971 that he reached 21, hit both Wolves goals in a 2-1 defeat of Derby County.

Current Newport County striker Dave Gwyther has vivid memories of his 21st birthday in November, 1969. He marked it with four goals for Swansea against Oxford City in an F.A. Cup Second Round tie.

Still another joyful 21st celebration was that of Ian Walsh with two goals for Crystal Palace against Stockport County in the Football League Cup in September, 1979.

All of which suggests that it's become something of an old soccer custom for players to celebrate a birthday with a goal or two. who's to be next?

For both 'old man' Joe Corrigan and 'rookie' Bruce Grobbelaar...



Corrigan pulls off one of a number of breathtaking saves during last season's F.A. Cup Final.

JOE Corrigan can well appreciate the position Bruce Grobbelaar finds himself in. When he first came into the Manchester City side, he too had to walk in the footsteps of goalkeeping greats.

"City supporters had been brought up on the memories of outstanding 'keepers like Frank Swift and Bert Trautmann," says Joe. "And when they first saw me, they said, 'Look at the size of that bloke. Surely nothing will get past him.'"

But it did. Like Grobbelaar, Corrigan's early form was erratic. Everyone is prone to mistakes, but Joe's always seemed to be magnified out of all proportion.

Only with Corrigan, it got to such a stage that the big 'keeper seriously considered throwing in the towel.

"I convinced myself that I'd have to quit Maine Road for sure," recalls Joe, "and quite likely pack up football altogether."

Shape

Thankfully Corrigan stopped short of that drastic step. He decided to give it one more go. And it was on the training ground that the new Joe Corrigan began to take shape.

"I used to have a weight problem," Joe admits. "I only had to look at a plate of chips and I'd put on a pound. So I'd put myself on a diet. But I decided to pack that up. Any weight I had to lose I'd do it through sheer hard work and sweat."

Joe launched himself into the kind of training routine that made others perspire just watching him. And it was all done *after* the normal team training.

"I got anyone who happened to be around — apprentices, ground staff, training staff — it didn't matter, to fire balls in at me from all angles as quickly as they could," says Joe. "That was to speed up my reflexes and powers of recovery. Then I'd switch to crosses, followed by making angles, and so on."

Breathless? Who wouldn't be? But just look at Corrigan today. Every extra minute and every last

THE majority of new arrivals to the playing staff at Liverpool F.C., whether they are big money signings or not, usually find themselves undergoing an extensive acclimatisation period in the ways of England's most successful club before they even get a sniff of a regular first team place.

But a recent exception to that has been Bruce Grobbelaar. Almost before he had unpacked his bags after his journey from the humble surroundings of Crewe Alexandra, Bruce found himself occupying the space between those same Anfield posts so magnificently defended over the past 20 years. First by Tommy Lawrence, then by Ray Clemence.

Despite having just 24 English League games behind him, Grobbelaar's references for the task ahead were impressive.

Crewe manager at the time, Tony Waddington, who has had no fewer than nine international

But there have also been some alarmingly erratic occasions which the 6' 2" South African will want to forget. Times when he has fallen embarrassingly short of the immaculate goalkeeping the Liverpool faithful have come to expect from his predecessors.

That's why Bruce knows he has plenty of hard work ahead.

"The understanding I have with the back four could be improved," he says. "There have been times when we've got ourselves into trouble through not always being on the same wavelength. That will sort itself out in time, though."

Additional

But the problem there for Grobbelaar is that Liverpool's traditional way of training isn't really geared to allowing him to put in the additional work.

"The whole training set up here is geared to getting the players 100 per cent fit. Once that's been achieved, they work out a schedule to help you maintain that level — and don't like you doing any extra."

While Bruce is well aware of the importance Liverpool place on performing as a team, both on the field and the training ground, he feels his specialised role calls for a certain amount of variation.

"I used to stay behind at Crewe, to work with the younger lads. I feel my game would benefit from being allowed to do something similar now," he says.

PRACTISE MAKES PERFECT

We take a look at two First Division goalkeepers — one who knows he has a lot of hard work in front of him — the other whose hard work could well be rewarded very soon.

bead of sweat has been well worthwhile.

His manager, John Bond, is quite adamant when he describes Corrigan as: "The best goalkeeper in the country right now." He's not alone in thinking that, either. There's a growing band of opinion which says Corrigan should, and more importantly *could* be England's number one in Spain.

His performances in last season's F.A. Cup Final, and subsequent replay, left millions gasping with admiration.

"I believe I'm worth a place in the England side," says Joe. "But that's not being big-headed. It's just a positive belief in my own ability that every professional footballer should have."

Corrigan, who has travelled around the world in the England cause, has won a meagre seven caps for five years of loyal and dedicated service. It could be that 1982 will be the year Joe Corrigan reaps the reward his hard work so richly deserves.

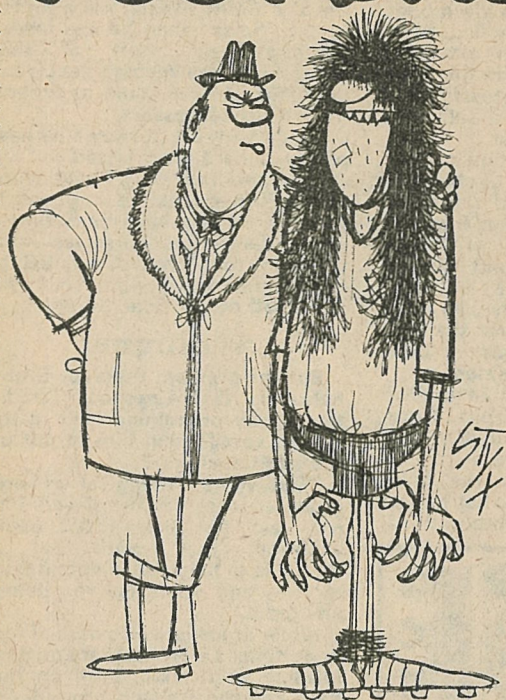
'keepers playing under him at his various managerial locations — Gordon Banks, Peter Shilton and Harry Gregg, to mention just three — insist: "Bruce will be right up there with the rest of them. As soon as I saw him in training, I knew I had a winner. He's got the strength of Shilton and the suppleness of Banks. And you can't ask for much more than that."

And Tony Waiters, the former England 'keeper, and Bruce's manager when he played in America for Vancouver Whitecaps, described him as: "A unique talent. The most natural goalkeeper I have seen."

Grobbelaar has certainly shown us that such glowing praise is indeed well founded by turning in several top class performances this season.

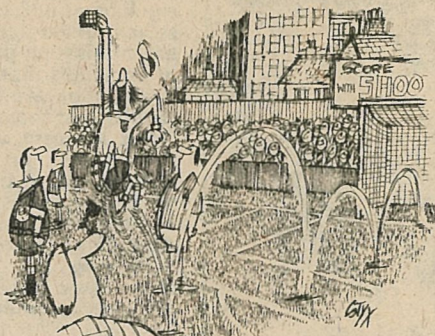


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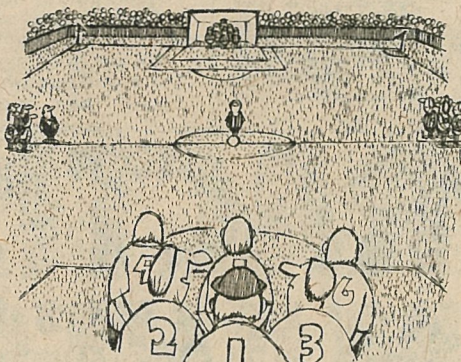


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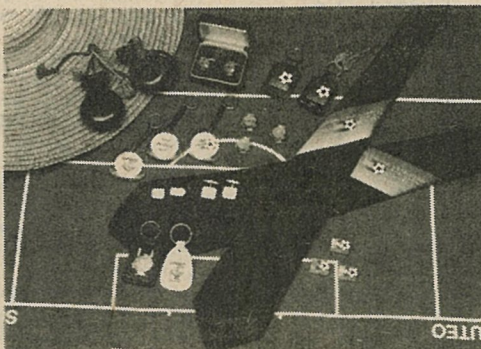
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TAKE a look at the clubs who are doing well throughout the country this season. More than likely you will find they have a winger in their team.

The fact is that after years of near-obscurity, the flank men are back in business, and that can only be good for the game.

With the greater need for entertaining the public, the return of the wingers could lure back some of the missing spectators.

Wingers Are Back In Business

Tony Morley, Aston Villa's exciting winger, is one such player whose skills along the touchline have captured the imagination of onlookers.

He made his senior England debut when he came on as substitute in the vital World Cup match against Hungary at Wembley on November 18 — just reward for his consistent displays for the League Champions during the past 12 months.

Morley has the right philosophy, too. "I love to go out there and entertain," he says. "I believe it is all a question of trying to give the fans value for money. I am sure they don't want to see complicated tactics. They come to see teams play attacking football and goals matter to them."

"Wingers are becoming more important because they can get around the back of negative sides and send over dangerous crosses. At Villa I've got the perfect target man to aim at in big Peter Withe."

'I won't be changed' — PETER BARNES

Peter Barnes, who must be Morley's main threat for England's number 11 shirt, has had a difficult time settling in at Leeds United since his £930,000 transfer from West Bromwich during the summer.

"I'm an out-and-out winger," he says defiantly, "and if any manager tried to change my style I'd ask for a transfer. There are too many players labelled as workmanlike and I certainly don't want to become one."

Watford look set to win promotion to Division One for the first time in the club's history. Much of their success must lie at the talented feet of their teenage wingers, Nigel Callaghan and John

Leeds United winger Peter Barnes is now looking to secure his England place for the World Cup Finals in Spain, but he faces a strong challenge from Aston Villa's Tony Morley.

Barnes.

Manager Graham Taylor says: "They have both done very well. Nigel is the more aggressive player, though John is probably more exciting to watch as he has the silky skills."

"Not only do they create goals but they score quite a few as well. In John's first ten League games this season he scored five goals which isn't bad for an 18-year-old!"

'Curran for England' — JACKIE CHARLTON

Many Sheffield Wednesday fans would argue that Ron Greenwood, the England manager, should pick Terry Curran, their exciting winger, for international honours.

He also has the option to play for Northern Ireland.

"I believe Terry could play for any team in the country on his day," says Jack Charlton, Wednesday's manager. "At the moment, though, his greatest fault is his lack of consistency. One minute he's brilliant and then the next, very ordinary."

"Gone are the days when wingers could just hang around in the opposition's half. I believe that if you win the midfield battle during a game it's more than likely you'll win the match."

"That is why I demand that Terry drops back to help out when we've lost possession. He can have as much freedom as he wants with the ball, but once we lose it I expect him to become a much more disciplined player."

Sheffield Wednesday's Terry Curran is one of the most electrifying players in the country on his day.

'Football like chess' — TOM FINNEY

Tom Finney, the former Preston and England winger who won the majority of his 76 caps during the 1950's, says that in his day forwards were meant to attack, not defend.

"When I was playing, forwards used to create far more chances because the game was more open."

"In quite a few matches that I've seen recently a lot of the play was concentrated down the middle of the pitch."

"Therefore, there was a lot more room on the flanks and I think quite a few managers are beginning to realise this."

"I admire today's wingers like Barnes and Morley who can turn a game with a flash of genius. I suppose they have a more difficult job to do than I did as the marking is much tighter and the game is far more technical."

"Playing football now is very much like a chess game because often both sides just want to cancel each other out."

Wingers though, are gradually breaking the stranglehold that defensive football has had on League sides for a number of years.

Those who long for a more adventurous attitude in our game, both at domestic and international levels, will anxiously watch the revival of the wingmen as a tactical force.

Indeed, it is not too much to suggest that the future economic viability of many clubs could depend on how well these touchline tormentors fare in the next 12 months.



THE BATTLE FOR ENGLAND'S NUMBER 5 SHIRT

West Ham's form boosts Martin's chances...

ALVIN Martin staked a strong claim for the England number five shirt with an outstanding game in the 1-0 win over Hungary that clinched their place in the World Cup Finals.

A shock choice, ahead of Dave Watson, for the most important game England have had in years, Martin took his big chance superbly.

He did so well that many people left the ground regarding it as a formality that he will be England's centre-half for many years to come.

But the unassuming West Ham youngster headed for home that night with his feet firmly on the ground and made it clear he is taking nothing for granted.

Although he has eased ahead of other contenders like Russell Osman, of Ipswich, and Brighton's Steve Foster for the problem position, the 23-year-old Liverpool-born Martin is aware he must continue to work hard at his game.

"Now that Dave Watson has retired from the international scene I suppose it's fair to say the England No 5 shirt is up for grabs," he says.

"I had the honour of wearing it in that vital game against Hungary. But that does not mean I have any

divine right to expect it next time.

"One or two others will be battling like mad to win that place in the team. It's up to me," he said.

"It was nice to hear and read all the nice things that were said about me after that game. And I must admit I was very pleased at the way things went for me.

'Opposition'

"What gave me the most satisfaction of all was the way I handled the pressure. Regardless of what the opposition did that night it was a real pressure game — with the whole country expecting so much of us.

"The fact so much was at stake made it a really tense, nerve jangling occasion.

"It was an honour and a privilege to be given the responsibility of representing my country on such an important occasion. But that game has now gone and my aim is to play as well as I can for West Ham each week to keep myself in the forefront of Ron Greenwood's thinking."



Martin's two previous appearances for England came against Brazil and Scotland, as substitute, last season — when West Ham were in the Second Division.

Their return to the top flight, where they are acquitting themselves marvellously, will boost his chances of making that England place his own property.

"I consider myself very lucky to be with a club like West Ham. They are the best in the business and there's no one else I would rather play for," he claims.

"And it's great to see manager John Lyall getting some recogni-

tion this season. If ever any man deserves it he does for the magnificent job he is doing at Upton Park."

With his ability and down-to-earth attitude Martin must be a hot favourite to fight off all challengers and settle in for a long run at the heart of the England defence.

And the fact he is with West Ham could give him a distinct advantage. For the way they bring their youngsters up and teach them to play makes them better equipped to deal with Continental and foreign opposition.

BRIGHTON's crushing 4-1 League Cup defeat by Barnsley could have made it two big disappointments in the same day for their skipper Steve Foster.

A few hours earlier he knew that once again his name was missing from the England squad for the match against Hungary.

Foster's omission, especially as Ron Greenwood makes frequent visits to the Goldstone, surprised everyone connected with Brighton except Foster himself who spoke philosophically about being overlooked.

"It never entered my head that I would be picked, which is why I wasn't disappointed. To be honest I was far more upset about losing to Barnsley in the League Cup.

"I don't think I was left out because of the importance of the match. After all if you're picked for your country you go out there and do your best rather than worry about what's at stake.



...But do unfashionable Brighton restrict Foster?

"Obviously, I'd love to play for England if the chance arose," Foster added, "but that's a long way off at the moment and my main concern at the moment is to continue doing my best for Brighton as well as helping them maintain the good start we've made in the League."

While Foster showed disappointment both Brighton's chairman Mike Bamber and manager Mike Bailey maintain that it can only be a matter of time before Foster is capped.

But Charlton manager, Alan Mullery, who played a big part in shaping Foster's career during his five year spell as Brighton manager was more forthright.

"If there's a better centre-half in the country I haven't seen him and Steve must now be asking himself what he's got to do to prove he's a

player of international class.

"To me it's an injustice that after the way I've seen him play against the top strikers Ron Greenwood continues to ignore him.

Deaf ears

"I can only assume it's because Foster plays for an unfashionable club like Brighton," Mullery commented. Mullery's words may, for the present, have fallen on deaf ears but Foster feels that since Mike Bailey made him captain at the beginning of the season he is playing his best football.

"That's not saying anything against Alan Mullery and Frank Burrows — both of whom did a tremendous amount for me. But I've revelled in being captain and I'm sure that we're a much better side through having learnt a lot from the last two years," Foster explained.

Morley

doesn't think of playing in Spain!

PLAYING for England in the World Cup Finals? That is a dream which Tony Morley refuses to allow himself!

"I've put it right out of my mind. All I have to do between now and next May is improve my game," states Aston Villa's matchwinning raider.

It is a blunt, down-to-earth approach by the 25-year-old winger whose 20 minute England debut in that tension filled clash against Hungary looked packed with promise. He forced the Hungarian goalkeeper to a fingertip save and flighted crosses to test their defence.

Every expert rated it as the overture of a fine England career to come. Only Morley doesn't see it that way. "How on earth can you make up your mind about a player who appears for just 20 minutes? Anyway, I've got an awful lot to learn."

That seems a fair enough comment but then Morley hastens to add: "I mean about playing for Aston Villa, not England. Twenty minutes on the pitch at Wembley qualifies me for nothing."

"The only way that Ron Greenwood will want to see more of me is if I deliver the goods at Villa. More and more dividends in terms of goals and overall team contribution."

"Mind you, I was happy to get on against the Hungarians. Unless I play in the World Cup Final one day, I'll never experience a game with more tension. I decided that my best chance was to do what comes naturally — and not make a mistake which would put them into the game."

"I would have been thrilled to see that shot go in but the real job for a wide player is to create danger: get in shots himself and open up space for others to do the same. That is what I aimed to do from the moment I replaced Steve Coppell."

"The atmosphere was beyond anything in my experience. I played at Wembley in the Charity Shield but that's a game for the supporters and only 50 per cent of them are on your side anyway."

"This time, there were 99 per cent of the crowd behind us and there was so much at stake for

England that even the air seemed supercharged."

"So what are the targets that Morley now sets himself? "To score 15 goals for a start. I scored ten in the League last season as we won the Championship and that was my best ever: a couple more in Cup football left me just short."

"This season, I'm well on schedule for those 15 goals. If I get them by the end of the season . . . well, then perhaps Ron Greenwood will have me in his squad for Spain."

Morley has his own perceptive answer about why his spirited attacking flair is now making such an impact on the First Division. "Watch most wingers: they boot the ball past the defender and then rely on speed. I keep the ball at my feet and take them on."

"I'm not being big-headed when I say that I believe that this is what football needs. Winger v full-back generates the kind of duel that excites crowds. It also takes that defender out of the game if you get past him."

Miserable

It hasn't happened overnight for Morley. He was one of the most sought after young attackers in the country when he started at Preston: then three seasons at Burnley produced a miserable tally of just five goals in almost a century of League games.

"Even now I can't explain what went wrong there. Every player has a thin time somewhere along the way and I hope that mine is over and done with. Burnley was a fine club with terrific supporters and I feel that I let them down."

"When I moved on to Villa, I was determined to prove myself: for my own satisfaction and for the club that bought me. A League Championship medal and playing all 42 League matches went part of the way towards it but I quickly realised that I could not count on anything."

Villa's tough manager Ron Saunders taught him that much earlier this season. He left Tony out of the team amid a mass of headlines. "I was upset and disappointed — but I didn't have a complaint. The manager reckoned a kick up the backside would do me the world of good . . . and it did."

"It was also an example to others at Villa. It showed that no matter what we'd won or how high our reputations, there is no such thing as an automatic place at Villa Park."

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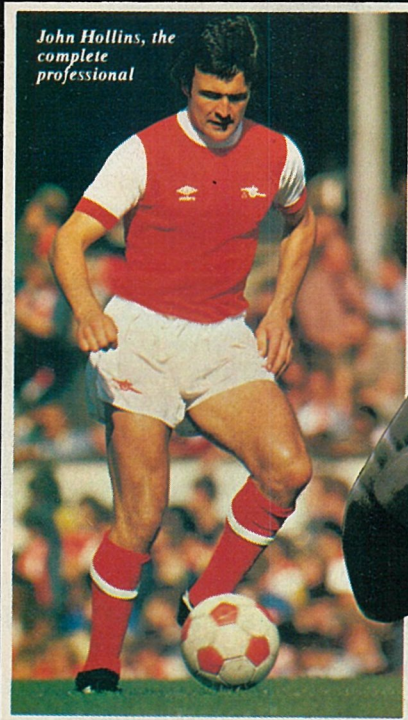
Super Focus

Danny Thomas

COVENTRY CITY

FULL NAME: Daniel Joseph Thomas
BIRTHPLACE: Worksop, Notts
BIRTHDATE: November 12, 1961
HEIGHT: 5ft 6ins
WEIGHT: 10 stone
MARRIED: No
CAR: Talbot Solara GL
PREVIOUS CLUBS: None
NICKNAME: I have a few — 'Baldy', 'The Wee Chimp' and 'Calypso Kid'
FAVOURITE NEWSPAPER: Daily Mail
FAVOURITE PLAYER: John Robertson (Nottm. Forest) — the best winger in Britain
PLAYERS FOR THE FUTURE: Ian Butterworth, a young professional at Coventry, and Southampton's Danny Wallace
FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM: Nottingham Forest
FOOTBALL HERO OF CHILDHOOD: No one in particular
FAVOURITE OTHER SPORT: I enjoy most sports
OTHER SPORTS PERSON YOU MOST ADMIRE: Muhammad Ali and Arsenal's John Hollins, the epitome of professionalism
YOUR BEST EVER ALL TIME XI: Banks; Carlos Alberto, Beckenbauer, Moore, Breitner; Cruyff, Gerson; Maradona, Muller, Pele, Best
MOST MEMORABLE MATCH: The 1981 League Cup Semi-Final first-leg v West Ham
BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT: Losing in the second-leg of the above tie and not reaching Wembley
FRIENDLIEST AWAY FANS: Liverpool
BEST STADIUM PLAYED IN: Wembley

FAVOURITE FOOD AND DRINK: Lamb and white wine
MISCELLANEOUS LIKES . . .
DISLIKES: Home cooking . . . Smoking and ignorant people
FAVOURITE SINGERS: Stevie Wonder, Rick James & The Stone City Band, Bob Marley
FAVOURITE ACTORS . . .
ACTRESS: Charles Bronson, Steve McQueen and Linda Carter
FAVOURITE HOLIDAY RESORT: Canada
BEST FILM SEEN RECENTLY: 'Escape To Victory'
FAVOURITE TV SHOW: Dallas
FAVOURITE ACTIVITY ON DAY OFF: Just relaxing
BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER: Keith Marvin, my scout from my school days, and all the coaching staff at Coventry
SUPERSTITIONS: Every one you can think of
INTERNATIONAL HONOURS: England schoolboy and Under-21 caps
PERSONAL AMBITION: To be successful in whatever I undertake
IF NOT A PLAYER, WHAT JOB WOULD YOU DO? In this day and age, anything going
CAREER AFTER PLAYING: I'd like to remain in the game in some capacity
WHICH PERSON IN THE WORLD WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET? Muhammad Ali or Stevie Wonder



John Hollins, the complete professional



John Robertson, Forest's flying winger



SHOOT!